UNIT 83

AUDIOGRAM COMPARISON CHART

[For actual audiograms, see page 30--- Audiogram Index]

NAME	% LOSS	BANANA POINTS	dB LOSS	SLOPE	PATTERN	AIDS
Judy B	<1%	12	40	DDNA1	C-bite	No
Nancy M	<1%	11	45	DFNA1	C-bite	No
Randy R	<1%	10	40	Downward	C-bite	No
Allison M	3%	8	55	Center dip	C-bite	No
Cheryl M	19%	8	55	Center dip	C-bite	No
Ken R	24%	2	75	DFNA1	C-bite	No
Luke A	29%	7	65	Ski slope	C-bite	2 BTE
Frances R	35%	3	65	Ski slope	C-bite	2 ITE
Jim B	39%	4	80	Ski slope	C-bite	2 ITC
Sue P	44%	0	90	DFNA1	C-bite	No
Mary S	53%	0	80	DFNA1	C-bite	2 CIC
Bob R	57%	0	85	Center dip	C-bite	1 BTE
Cory M	59%	0	75	DFNA1	C-bite	2 BTE
Wes B	76%	0	85	DFNA1	C-bite	2 BTE

How we stacked up.--Audiogram results are listed from lowest percentage of hearing loss to greatest percentage of hearing loss. You will notice that ratings of banana points and dB loss do not follow in exactly the same pattern. It all depends on which figures that a person is looking at.

Summary of audiograms

a) Percentages of hearing loss ranged between <1% to a high of 76%.

b) Banana point scores ranged from one perfect score of 12 to five scores with zero points.

c) Decibel loss ranged from 40 dB to 90 dB.

d) About half of the audiograms showed a definite DFNA1 slope. Three showed downward slopes. Two showed center peaks while two showed center dips.

e) All audiograms showed Cookie Bite patterns. [Notches]

f) Without hearing aids, those who have no "banana" points whatsoever experience extreme difficulty in comprehending normal conversation.

g) Randy, Judy, Allison, and Nancy's overall scores indicated the least hearing loss.

h) With a 76% overall loss, Wes must have excellent hearing aids to function as well as he does.

i) If an audiogram were to be made on every member of the Smith Clan, you might be surprised at how many of us would show a measureable hearing loss!

Summary of hearing aids

a) With less than a 5% hearing loss, Judy, Randy, Nancy, and Allison do not wear hearing aids.

b) With a 75 and 90 dB loss, and very few banana points, Ken and Sue would benefit with the correct hearing aids. Hopefully they could find some that will help instead of hinder. [See Fact Sheets on Ken R, page 54, and Sue P, page 72]

c) The remaining eight charted clan members, with overall hearing loss ranging from 19 to 76% with 65 to 85 dB losses, wear one or two hearing aids.

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