

Similarities Between
Mild Hearing Loss &
Attention Deficit Disorder

Mild Hearing Loss*	Attention Deficit Disorder**
1 Inappropriate responses	Blurting out answers before questions have been completed
2 Difficulty following directions.	Difficulty following through on instructions and in organizing tasks
3 Doesn't complete assignments	Frequently fails to finish schoolwork, or works carelessly
4 Difficulty sustaining attention during oral presentation	Difficulty in listening to others without being distracted or interrupting
5 Impulsive	Acts on the spur of the moment
6 Frequently asks for repetition	Focuses only with frequent reinforcement or is under very strict control
7 Academic failure	Multiple problems with schoolwork and social activities
8 Poor self-concept	Isolated and low self esteem
9 Doesn't seem to listen	"Can't sit still and listen!"

* Roeser, R.J., & Downs, M.P., E.D. (1981). Classroom acoustics. *Auditory disorders in school children*. New York: Thieme-Stratton.

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