

# ABOUT CUE SPEECH

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YOU CAN MAKE SPOKEN  
LANGUAGE VISIBLE FOR DEAF  
CHILDREN

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# What is Cued Speech?..

Cued Speech is a manual system, using eight handshapes in four positions near the mouth which represents the 44 phonemes (sounds) used in the English language. You Cue in 'real time' as you speak and talk normally to clarify lip patterns to assist lip reading.

With Cued Speech, lip reading levels can increase from about 35% to 96% accuracy, enabling deaf children and adults to see speech and so perceive and understand (one comes before the other) complete spoken language.


You can help your deaf baby or your speech s use of Cued Speech. It turns your spoken language (English and many other languages) into a visual language.

You can help your deaf baby or child SEE every word that you say as clearly as a hearing child hears words.


Over 90% of deaf children are born to hearing families who use spoken languages in the home. If the hearing family learn to Cue, their deaf babies and children can see what they are saying and develop a fluent mental model of the home language. Over time this supports social and emotional growth and increasingly sophisticated thinking and communication which is vital for achieving full potential in all areas of life.

**Cued Speech At-a-Glance Chart British English**

**Rule 1**  
Consonants on their own: SIDE placement



**Rule 2**  
Vowels on their own: Handshape 5



**Rule 3**  
Consonant followed by a vowel: TO GE THER

/zh/	/tʰe/	/h/	/r/	/w/	/TH/	/y/	/ee/	/e/	/put/	/far/	/ay/	/ear/	/air/	/oh/
/p/	/k/	/s/	/b/	/m/	/L/	/g/	/aw/	/o/	/it/	/tur/	/oy/	/moor/		
/d/	/z/	/r/	/n/	/f/	/sh/	/j/	/up/	/OO/	/at/	/uh/				
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	Mouth	Chin	Throat	Side <small>SPRO</small>			

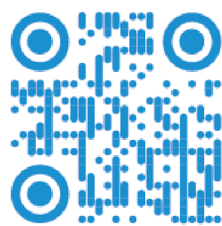
**Handshapes** (1-8)      **Placements** (Mouth, Chin, Throat, Side SPRO)      **Movements** (Always end with handshape 5)

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# Why do we need Cued Speech?

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- ✓ Cued Speech enhances the ability to lip read.
- ✓ With Cued Speech you can talk to your deaf child right from the start.
- ✓ Cued Speech provides access to a full and rich first language on which you can build other languages including British Sign Language.
- ✓ Cued Speech can be used in many languages.
- ✓ With Cued Speech deaf children can achieve age-appropriate reading levels.
- ✓ CSUK aspires to a model of deaf inclusion and equal opportunities where every deaf child and young person has the language and literacy to thrive at home, school and the work-place.
- ✓ Cued Speech can be learnt in 20 hours or less
- ✓ Cueing the home language enables deaf children to be fully included in family life.
- ✓ Cued Speech enables two-way communication and can easily be used alongside signing
- ✓ Cueing will give you a safety-net to keep communication flowing while waiting for hearing aids or implants and at all those times when listening is not possible.
- ✓ Cueing can be used to support the development of good listening skills.
- ✓ Cueing can help the deaf child to pronounce words clearly and correctly.



**Watch: One deaf person's journey seeing the English language.**

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# Where is Cued Speech Used?

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Cued speech has been adapted for 68 languages and dialects, and it is used to support deaf children and adults to understand speech all around the world.



## Why English?

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Cued Speech UK supports families and professionals to cue in English, the most commonly used language in the UK. Cueing helps deaf children prepare for starting school and thriving in their education.

Good educational outcomes and a full understanding of English provide every opportunity for success and with these, deaf people in the UK can aspire to employment that matches their potential. you use.

## What is your language?

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Of course, English may not be the first or only language used in your home and you may be interested to find out if there are Cued Speech adaptations for the languages that you use.

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