Ali gets hearing aids

Ali needs hearing aids.
He's not sure how he feels about this.

Excited?



Worried?



How do you feel about it?

A bit sad?



He's just not sure.



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Grandma takes Ali to the audiologist.



The audiologist is kind and explains they need to get a mould of Ali's ears.



Everyone's ears are a different shape and size inside and it's important that Ali's hearing aids fit him just right.

You can't use a ruler to measure inside ears – they're just too bendy and wiggly. The best way to work out what the inside of ears look like is to put paste inside the ear.



The audiologist puts a little bit of foam and then some paste in Ali's ear. It's all tickly, wiggly, funny and warm – he kind of likes it!

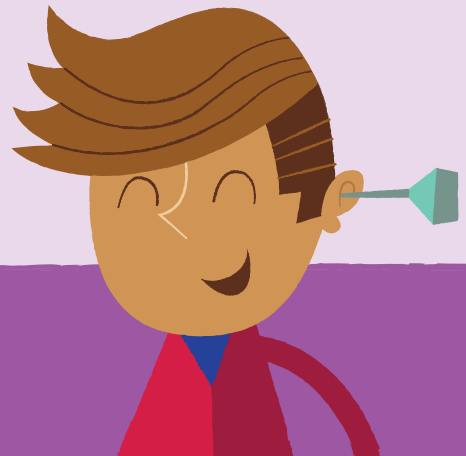


wiggly

tickly

funny

warm



The paste takes two minutes to set.

When the paste has gone hard the audiologist takes it out. They will use these moulds to make hearing aids for Ali.

It's funny seeing what the inside of his ears looks like! It's all bendy and blobby.



Soon after, Ali and his grandma come back to the clinic.



Ali is excited about seeing his hearing aids. The earmoulds are red and glittery. His friends are going to love them!

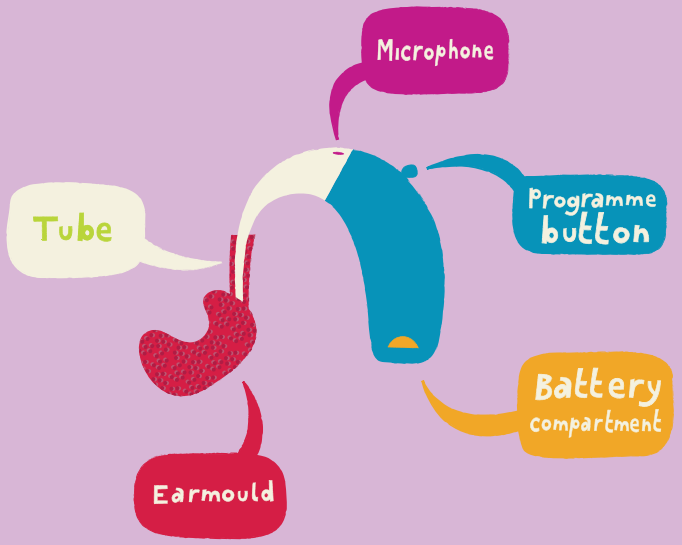


Ali is taught how to put them in and take them out.

The audiologist makes sure the hearing aids are working for Ali.



Ali's hearing aids are connected to the computer, and the audiologist checks that Ali can hear all the sounds at the right volume.



There are lots of bits to his hearing aids. The audiologist teaches him and his Grandma all about them and what they do.

They are also taught how to change the batteries and keep them clean.



Ali wears them home and shows his sisters.
They like the glittery earmoulds.



Ali has to look after his hearing aids. He knows he mustn't let them get wet, and when he takes them out he always puts them in a special box to keep them safe.

He wears them all the time.
They help him hear what's going on.

How do you feel about your hearing aids?

Use this page to draw or write about the good things you **hope** will happen when you get your hearing aids.

Use this page to draw or write about the things you're **worried** will happen when you get your hearing aids.





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