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"Cheat Sheet" for Reading an Audiogram Right Ear Left Ear Right is Red. This is your child's hearing WITHOUT hearing aids using air conduction testing (sound traveling through the air usually through headphones or ear inserts). This is your child's hearing WITHOUT hearing aids using bone conduction testing (sound vibrations traveling straight to the inner ear) The arrow pointing down indicates that at a given pitch (or frequency in Hz) when presented with the loudest level (or intensity in dB), no response or sound was heard. These are the symbols written when masking noise is used. The top symbols are for air conduction, the bottom symbols are for bone conduction.

A or C

This is your child's hearing WITH their hearing aids (A) or cochlear implant(s) (C or CI or CL/CR).

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