



10 Advantages of Binaural Hearing

~Walter Reed Army Medical Center Study~

1. **SAFETY.** When a person hears with only one ear he has difficulty locating sounds. This can be dangerous, especially in traffic.
2. **IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING.** Binaural hearing helps you to sort out and understand individual voices.
3. **WIDER HEARING RANGE.** A voice barely heard at 10 feet with one ear can be heard up to 40 feet away with two ears.
4. **RESTFUL LISTENING.** Listening with only one ear is physically tiring.
5. **SMOOTHER TONE QUALITY.** Binaural hearing generally requires less volume giving a natural sound to voices and music.
6. **CUSHIONS LOUD SOUNDS.** Sudden loud sounds lose much of their jarring effect when divided between two ears.
7. **BETTER SOUND IDENTIFICATION.** Many noises which sound almost identical with one ear can be identified easily when heard with two ears.
8. **BOTH EARS STAY ACTIVE.** When a hard of hearing person wears a hearing aid in only one ear, that ear tends to take over all hearing. The unused ear tends to lose its ability to hear and understand.
9. **BALANCED HEARING.**
10. **TINNITUS RELIEF.**

Conclusion: A perfectly normal ear is at a disadvantage when used alone. Similarly a hard of hearing person wearing one excellent, well-fitted hearing aid will still experience hearing difficulties.