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Middle ear infection is the most common cause of decreased hearing in children. Identify other possible common causes based on your child's symptoms.

**Abstract**

Find possible common causes of temporary decreased hearing in children. See our Symptom Checker.

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help**

Talk to your doctor if your child: (1)

Has ear pain

Has discharge of blood, pus or clear fluid from the ear

Pulls at or scratches his or her ear

Also, talk to your doctor if your child shows signs of persistent decreased hearing. If your child isn't hearing well, he or she may: (1, 2)

Have delays in speech development or unclear speech

Respond to sounds inconsistently

Not respond to instructions or being called

Not understand speech

Turn up music or the television

**Self-care strategies**

Because of the nature of this symptom, it's best to contact your health care provider. Please see the "Seek Care" section to determine an appropriate course of action.

**More Information**

Earwax blockage DS00052

**END OF FARCRY TEXT**

Find possible causes of decreased hearing based on specific factors. Check one or more factors on this page that apply to your child's symptom.

**Triggered by**

Change in air pressure

Cold or upper respiratory illness

Foreign object in ear

Injury or trauma

Loud, sudden noise

**Preceded by**

Middle ear infection

**Accompanied by**

Bleeding from ear

Clear or pus-filled drainage

Dizziness or spinning sensation

Ear pain or discomfort

Feeling of fullness in ear

Fever

Headache

Nausea or vomiting

Redness in ear canal

Redness or swelling of outer ear

Ringing or buzzing in ear

Scaly or flaking skin on outer ear

**Possible causes**

These diseases and conditions match at least one of the factors you selected. Those with the most matches are listed first.

DS00472 Airplane ear (3)

Triggered by change in air pressure

Accompanied by dizziness or spinning sensation

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

Accompanied by feeling of fullness in ear

Accompanied by ringing or buzzing in ear

DS00303 Ear infection, middle ear (4; 5, p. 288-289)

Triggered by cold or upper respiratory illness

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

Accompanied by feeling of fullness in ear

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache

DS00052 Earwax blockage (6)

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

Accompanied by feeling of fullness in ear

Accompanied by ringing or buzzing in ear

HQ00061 Foreign object in the ear: First aid (7)

Triggered by foreign object in ear

Accompanied by clear or pus-filled drainage

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

DS00499 Ruptured eardrum (8, 11)

Triggered by change in air pressure

Triggered by injury or trauma

Triggered by loud, sudden noise

Preceded by middle ear infection

Accompanied by bleeding from ear

Accompanied by clear or pus-filled drainage

Accompanied by dizziness or spinning sensation

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by ringing or buzzing in ear

DS00473 Swimmer's ear (9)

Accompanied by clear or pus-filled drainage

Accompanied by ear pain or discomfort

Accompanied by feeling of fullness in ear

Accompanied by redness in ear canal

Accompanied by redness or swelling of outer ear

Accompanied by scaly or flaking skin on outer ear

DS00365 Tinnitus (10)

Accompanied by ringing or buzzing in ear

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