WHAT CAN CAUSE HEARING LOSS?



HEREDITARY

Hearing loss can be passed on in families. This makes up a large percentage of hearing loss cases in children.



PREMATURE BIRTH

A lack of oxygen at birth.



ILLNESS

For example German Measles.

CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES For example Meningitis, Encephalitis, Mumps, severe Jaundice, an ear infection or any other illness that is accompanied by a high fever.



MEDICATION

For example Quinine sulphate and some antibiotics.

INJURY

An accident or sudden blow to the head.

WHAT ELSE MAY AFFECT YOU HEARING?

MIDDLE EAR INFECTION (OTITIS MEDIA)

When a child has a cold it is possible for the middle ear to become infected. This can cause temporary hearing loss and if not treated soon enough can lead to permanent hearing loss.

