

Getting Started with Remote Microphones

A remote microphone (RM) can make a big difference in how much your child hears, especially at a distance or in a noisy environment. Keep reading for more about remote mics!

What is a remote mic?

A RM is a two-piece device that sends the sounds of your voice directly to your child's hearing device, so your little one can hear you even when they're not close to you or in a noisy environment.

The microphone (or transmitter)

worn by a parent or caregiver - sends (or transmits) the sounds to the receiver.

The receiver

located in or on your child's device - picks up (or receives) the sounds so your child hears them.



Where are RMs used?

They can be used in all sorts of places! Think about:

Playground



Store



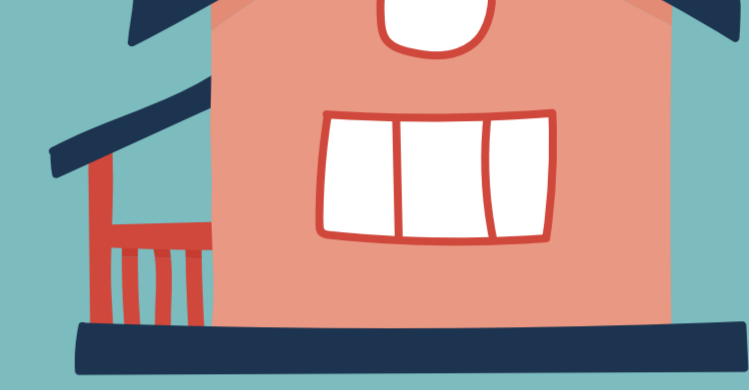
Bus



Stroller



Car



Home

Who wears the microphone?

Whoever talks to your child regularly.



Anyone your child needs to hear



Teacher



Parents



Grandparents



Caretaker



Friend



Sibling

What are some of the RM benefits?

Improved child behaviors when used at home:

- Improved attention
- Faster response when called
- Improved communication and speech
- Increased independence and confidence

5,300

more words per day!

Use of an RM at home increases the number of words your child hears. This helps with building language, vocabulary, and literacy skills!

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How do I get a remote mic for my child?

Talk with your pediatric audiologist. They'll order the RM and prepare you to use it with your child. RMs can be used soon after your child's hearing device fitting. Bring the RM to all of your child's audiology appointments to make sure it is working properly.