

DEAF TRIVIA #3

Did you know that the brain has a language center that develops language through receiving and sending/ expressing information? Examples of languages that the language center may process are English, American Sign Language (ASL), French, or Mexican Sign Language (LSM) to name a few among many around the world. Language development happens in the language center with information coming in and out continuously. The ways, or mediums, to develop and process language is through receiving and expressing information which can include listening with the ears, seeing with the eyes, talking with the voice, signing with hand movements, reading, writing, and so forth.

When looking at Deaf and hearing children, the typical way a hearing child receives information is through the ears whereas Deaf children through the eyes. Receiving information goes through the part of the brain responsible for one of these mediums (such as eyes or ears) then goes on to the language center to get interpreted. When sending information "out", the language center processes what information to send, and it gets sent to one of the mediums used to express the information (such as voice or hand movement). Both language development happens in the language center of the brains and can develop language skills equally.

