My visit to Butterfly Audiology



I am going to Butterfly Audiology to have my ears checked and play some listening games.

Someone who checks people's hearing is called an *audiologist*.

These are the audiologists who work at Butterfly-



Danielle



Georgia



Damien



Verity



Linda



Julia



Michelle

When we arrive we will tell the person at the reception desk who we are.



The audiologist might be ready for us as soon as we arrive, or we might sit in the waiting room until the audiologist is ready.

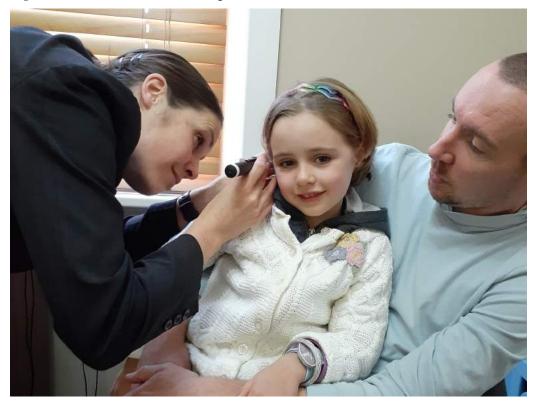


When the audiologist takes us to their room, I can sit in a chair by myself or I can sit on my adult's lap.



The audiologist will start by asking some questions about me and my ears.

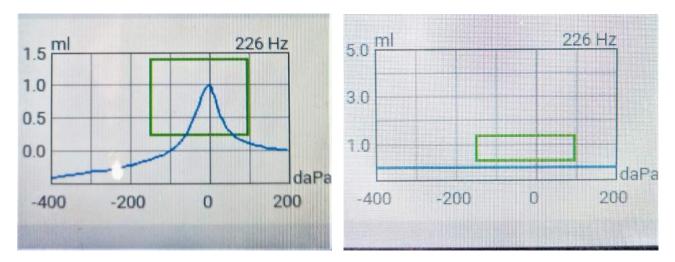
Then they will use a type of torch called an **otoscope** to look in my ears.



Next, the audiologist will use a machine called a **tympanometer** to check how my ears are working.



A soft rubber plug sits in my ear and gently pushes some air in- some people say that it tickles a bit!



The tympanometer draws either-

a mountain or *a line*

Now it is time to play some listening games.

Listening games help the audiologist find out how much I can hear.

I might wear-



headphones,

foam plugs called *inserts*,





or a *bone conductor* which sits over my head like a headband

Every time I hear a *beep* or a *whistle*, I might-



put a coin in a moneybox,

press a button,



put a peg on a board,



or clap my hands



Next, I might point at things that I hear the audiologist say, or I might use my voice to say the words that I hear.

If I'm not sure what some of the words are, I can have a guess.



When I have finished, the audiologist will talk to me and my adult about my ears again, and I might want to ask some questions.

Once we are finished, the audiologist might ask me if I would like a sticker!



Before we leave we will go to the counter to pay, and maybe arrange for me to come back and play some more listening games another day.



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