Hearing and Deaf, Each May be Viewed Differently…
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Attitudes color the way people think, feel and act towards other people. Attitudes can affect expectations for and views of different people. Here are some examples:

**Hearing**
He’s good looking  
_Hmm. Nice._
He wears glasses.  
_Oh?_
He can’t sign.  
_He doesn’t have to._
He has good speech.  
_So?_
He knows American Sign Language.  
_Wow! He’s talented._
He writes well.  
_He’s well educated._
He gets a C in school.  
_He can do better!_
He’s crossing the street.  
_He’ll make it._
He applies for a job.  
_Resume looks good – let’s try him._
He’s talking with coworkers.  
_He’s discussing ideas._
He’s outspoken.  
_He’s concerned and involved._
He gets a job promotion.  
_He deserves it._
His secretary answers the phone.  
_He’s important!_
He starts his own business.  
_He’s ambitious._
He marries a deaf girl.  
_He’s noble._
He drives a car and doesn’t hear the siren.  
_That’s OK. The radio was on._
He’s on his honeymoon.  
_He’ll have no time to talk._
His kid joins in the conversation.  
_Kids should be seen, not heard._
He gives a presentation.  
_He’s very good._

**Deaf**
He’s good looking.  
_He’s too cute to be deaf._
He wears a hearing aid.  
_He’s got a problem._
He can’t talk.  
_He must keep trying._
He has good speech.  
_He must be smart._
He knows American Sign Language.  
_OK but does he know English?_
He writes well.  
_But he still can’t talk._
He gets a C in school.  
_Great, for a deaf person!_
He’s crossing the street.  
_Boy Scout, come and do your good deed._
He applies for a job.  
_Him? He has too many faults._
He’s talking with coworkers.  
_He’s gossiping._
He’s outspoken.  
_He’s always complaining._
He gets a job promotion.  
_He’s a token._
His secretary answers the phone.  
_He has to depend on her!_
He starts his own business.  
_He’s crazy._
He marries a hearing girl.  
_She’ll help him._
He drives a car and doesn’t hear the siren.  
_Deaf drivers are dangerous._
He’s on his honeymoon.  
_How will he talk in the dark?_
His kid joins in the conversation.  
_Smart kid, helping his father._
He gives a presentation.  
_The interpreter’s very good._

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