


NOISE DOES DESTROY

A large blue arrow pointing to the right, with the text 'Wimmera Hearing Society Inc' centered inside it.

Wimmera Hearing
Society Inc



WHO HAS A HEARING
LOSS?

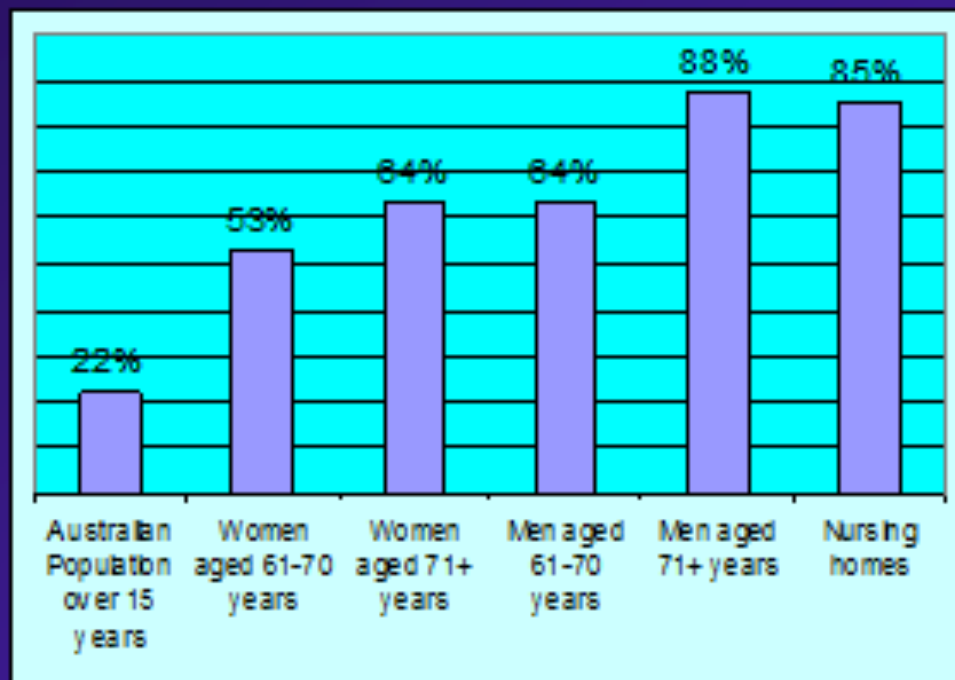


HOW DO WE
HEAR?

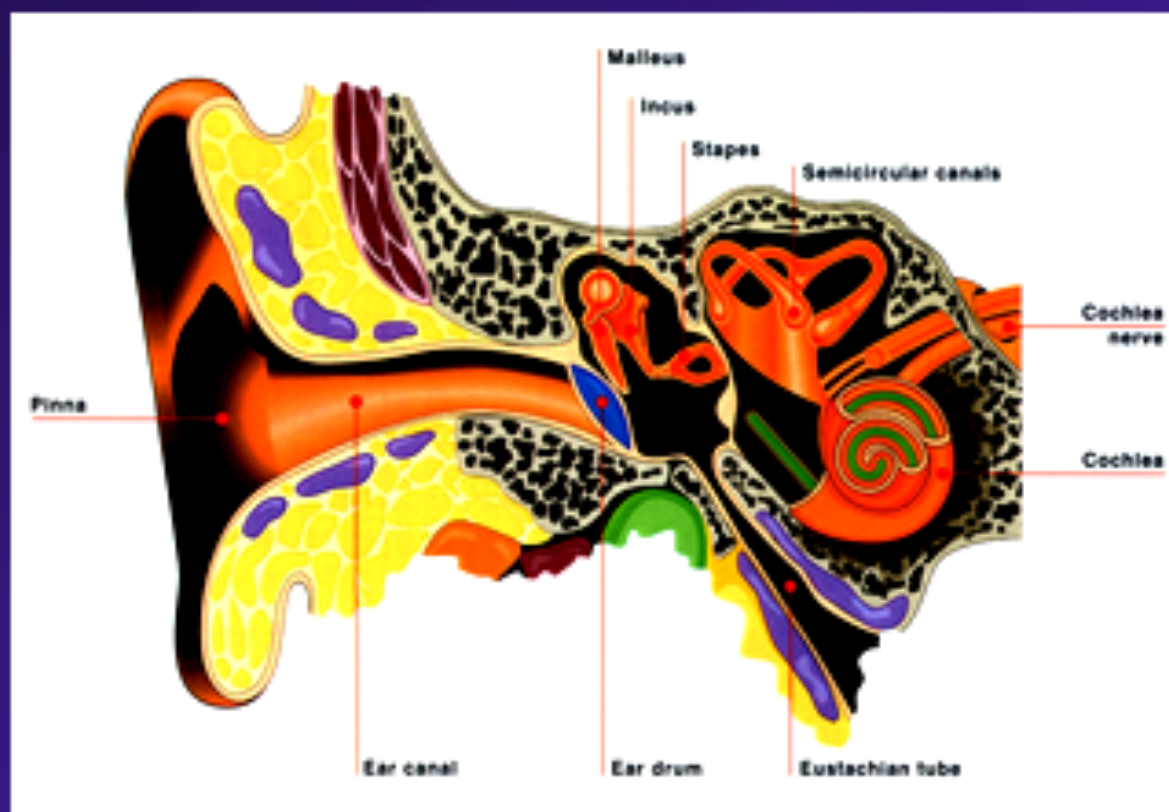
Who has a hearing loss?


Hearing
loss is
more
common
than you
think!

Source: Hearing Impairment
in an Australian Population,
1998



Anatomy & Physiology of the Ear





I'd like to introduce
you to Bruce
Hearing History

- ❖ Broad acre
farmer
- ❖ Born and raised
on family farm
in the Wimmera
- ❖ Now running
the farm
- ❖ Age 57
- ❖ Shooter from
teenager
- ❖ Has worn ear
protection in
the last 20 yrs



WIMMERA HEARING SOCIETY INC.
Basic Screening: Air Conduction Test

Test Centre _____

Date 4/3/1982

Name BRUCE

Address _____

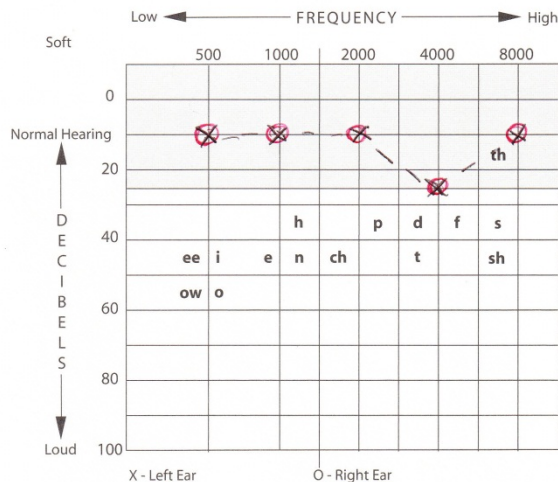
_____ P/Code _____

Age 24 Male ☒ Female ☐

Occupation PRIMARY PRODUCER

Pension: Yes ☐ No ☐

Aged ☐ Veteran ☐ Other ☐



Tymp Screen Left _____ Right: _____

Otoscope: Left _____ Right: _____

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED
DIFFICULTIES WITH:**

Phone Conversation _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Person to Person Conversation _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Tinnitus - Head Noises _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Menieres Disease _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

**TODAY'S TEST SHOWS
YOU HAVE:**

Normal Hearing _____ ☐

Further Testing _____ ☐

Pre-existing Hearing Loss _____ ☒

Comments Wear ear protection

DEAR DOCTOR:

According to these results above, his/her hearing is below the levels considered acceptable for his/her age.

☐ Medical Assessment

☐ Comprehensive audiological assessment is available at your local Audiology Centre or Local Health Unit.

☐ He/she receives a pension and is therefore eligible to apply to the Office of Hearing for a hearing assessment.

☐ This patient is eligible for a Volume Control Phone.

Tester/
Counsellor _____

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Date 3 / 3 / 99

Name Bruce

Address _____

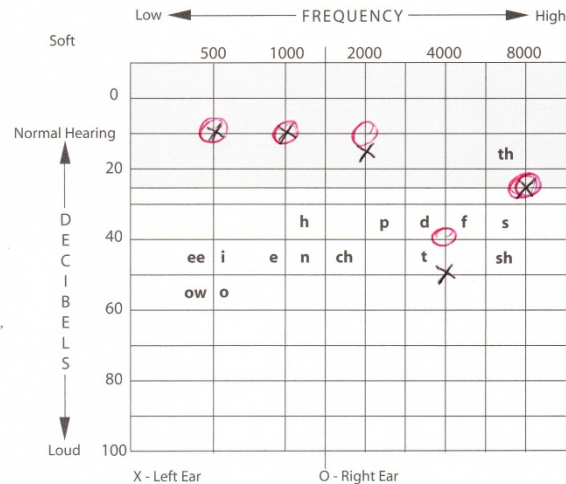
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Age 41 Male ☒ Female ☐

Occupation Primary Producer

Pension: Yes ☐ No ☐

Aged ☐ Veteran ☐ Other ☐



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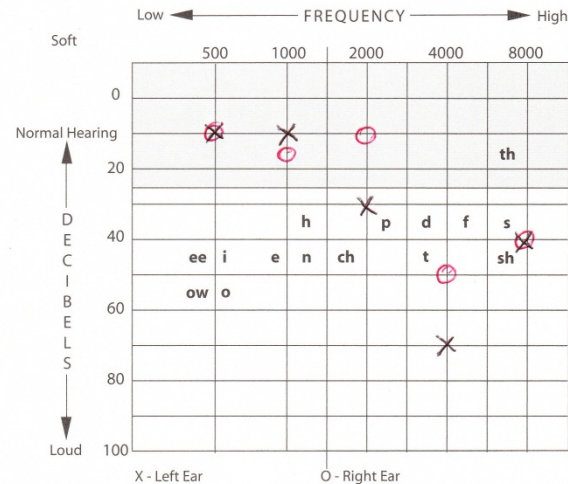
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Age 54 Male ☒ Female ☐

Occupation Primary

Pension: Yes ☐ No ☐

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Normal
Hearing



Mild hearing
loss



Now with a high
frequency loss



OPTIONS FOR BRUCE

- GET HEARING AIDS
- COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
 - LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE
- ISOLATE HIMSELF STAY AT HOME
 - DON'T ATTEND MEETINGS
- GET CROSS WITH FAMILY AND NOT COMMUNICATE
 - GET STRESSED
- SHUT THE WORLD OFF

WHAT SHOULD Bruce have done to help prevent his hearing loss

Wear ear protection at all times when exposed to loud noises

Give your ears a rest when you know you will be exposed to noises for a long period of time