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## **WHY DOES HEARING LOSS SABOTAGE COMMUNICATION IN LIVELY SOCIAL SETTINGS?**

Communicating in a social setting relies upon the ability to focus on an important sound amidst competing sounds. In healthy, normal-hearing listeners, complex negotiations between volitional, top-down attention and involuntary, bottom-up attention allow listeners to focus on and understand whatever talker matters in a given moment. Yet, even a modest hearing impairment can hamstring a listener faced with such a task. This talk explores why sensory deficits can cripple everyday communication, especially when a listener is trying to follow a conversation in a social setting.