



AUDIOMETRY & SPEECH THERAPY

LISTEN \Rightarrow HEAR \Rightarrow FOLLOW \Rightarrow SPEAK



Do you experience a hearing loss?

In our daily lives, we regularly come across people with whom conversations become tedious because of the fact that almost every sentence or word has to be repeated twice. In addition, they may also miss certain words or at times, a complete sentence and may give one the feeling that they are not paying attention to what's being said. These people suffer from what we generally term as **loss of hearing**. Hearing loss is accompanied by a lot of adverse psychological repercussions like increase in anger, frustration, lack of social esteem & withdrawal from social activities thereby affecting one's day to day activities and being socially embarrassed.

How does one diagnose a hearing loss?

Audiometry is a procedure used to test individuals with hearing loss. It helps in identifying the extent and type of hearing problem, by testing one's ability to hear sound at various frequencies; thereby determining the line of treatment, be it medical, surgical, or the use of hearing aids.

This test is performed by a **Certified Audiologist** using an electronic equipment known as **Audiometer**.

Who needs to get the Audiometric tests done?

One can routinely get this test done to monitor their hearing capacity as well as for those individuals having/experiencing /suffering from any of the problems below:

- A difficulty in listening to small/soft/faint sounds.
- A difficulty in understanding someone's speech especially with noise in the background.
- A habit of frequently asking for repetition of a sentence.
- Loss of certain words or sounds in a conversation.
- Pain in the ear or discharge from the ear.
- Giddiness/dizziness/vertigo.
- Whistling sounds in the ear/tinnitus.
- Exposed to any form of ototoxic drugs.
- Diabetes.
- A history of hearing loss in their family.



Do you have speech problem?

Speech-language therapy is the treatment for individuals with speech and/or language disorders. In addition to speech & language, this therapy may also be required by people with communication or swallowing disorders.

A speech disorder refers to a problem with the actual production of sounds. A language disorder refers to a problem understanding or putting words together to communicate ideas. An evaluation by a certified "**Speech-language therapist**" can help find out if a particular person is having a problem.

Who can benefit from speech-language therapy?

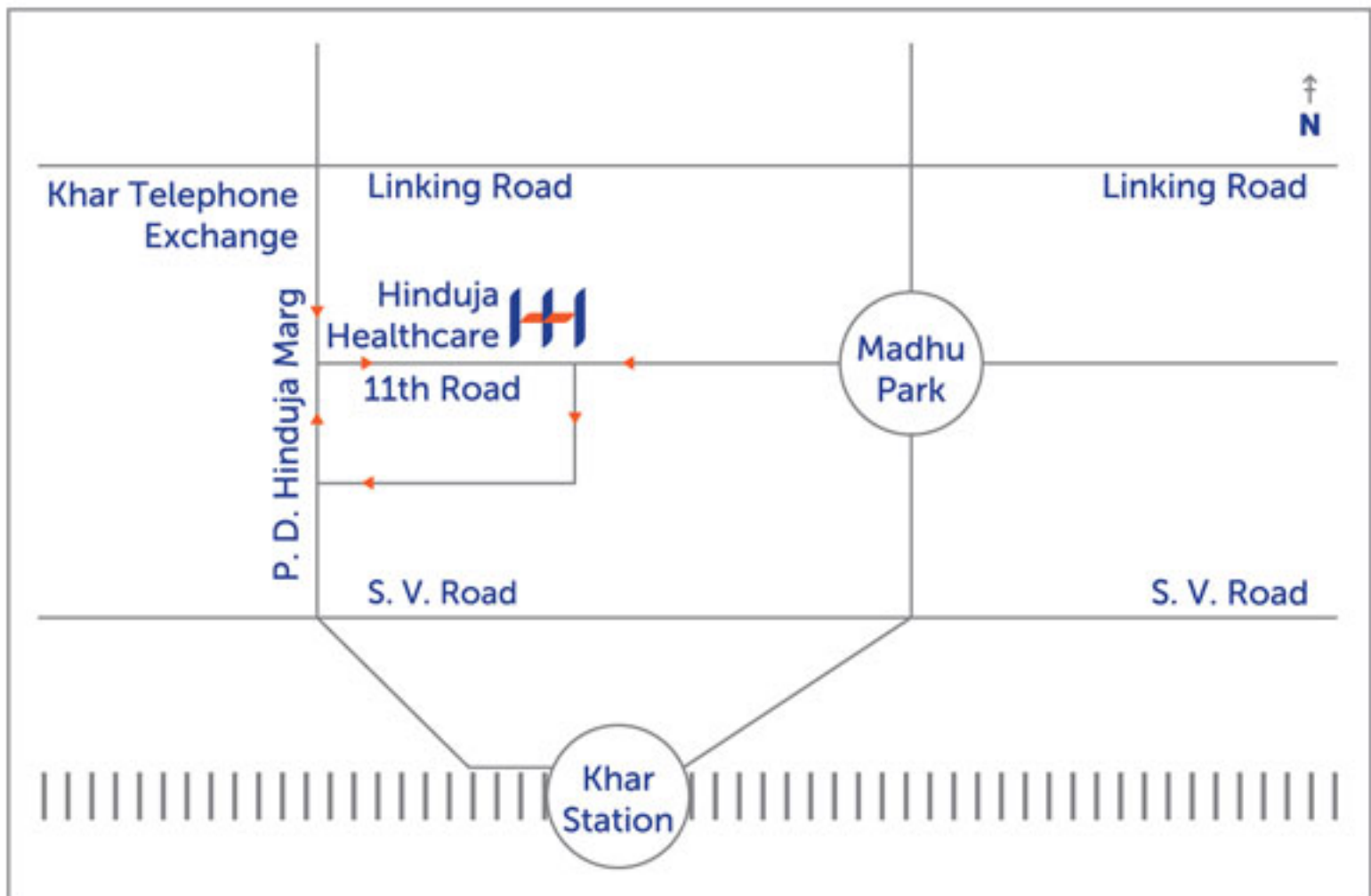
The people who can benefit from speech therapies are those:

- Having children who do not speak or have an inadequate amount of speech/language.
- Children who have autism, cerebral palsy, learning disability, down syndrome etc.
- Having inattentive/hyperactive children.
- Having a difficulty in pronouncing/mispronouncing certain words
- Having a stammering/stuttering tendency.
- Having a voice problem.
- Having had a paralytic stroke who have lost their ability to communicate or have a slurred speech
- Having cancer of the mouth and/or throat.
- Having Parkinson's disease or dementia.



With speech/language therapy, affected people can regain their confidence & walk in society with their head held high. They can come to terms with their handicap & some may even be able to overcome them.

At Hinduja Healthcare Surgical, Khar, we have a dedicated Audiology & Speech Therapy department to take care of your difficulties.



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