deaf Apresyan (En-Ru)

[def] *a*1. глухой; глуховатый

he is a little deaf - он плохо слышит /туговат на ухо/

deaf in an /one/ ear - глух(ой) на одно ухо

he is deaf in his left ear - он глух на левое ухо

are you deaf? - ты что, оглох?

2. глухой, не желающий или отказывающийся слушать

deaf to advice [appeals, reason] - глух к советам [призывам, голосу рассудка]

3. диал. лишённый основного свойства; бесплодный, безвкусный; пустой

deaf seed - погибшее зерно

4. (the deaf) в грам. знач. сущ. собир. глухие

# deaf

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

deaf [deaf deafer deafest] BrE [def] \* NAmE [def] \* adjective (deaf-er,
deaf-est)

- 1. unable to hear anything or unable to hear very well
  - to become/go deaf
  - · She was born deaf.
  - partially deaf

see also †stone deaf, †tone-deaf

- 2. the deaf noun plural people who cannot hear
  - · television subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing
- 3. not before noun ~ to sth not willing to listen or pay attention to sth
  - · He was deaf to my requests for help.

Idioms: †deaf as a post = †fall on deaf ears = †turn a deaf ear

Derived Word ↑deafness

#### Word Origin:

Old English deaf, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch doof and German taub, from an Indo-European root shared by Greek tuphlos 'blind'.

### Example Bank:

- It's no good shouting— he's stone deaf.
- · Many of these children are profoundly deaf.
- · She remained deaf until she died.
- · She spoke loudly because her mother was a little deaf.
- Standing next to the machine all day left her deaf in one ear.
- The committee remained deaf to our suggestions.
- Their child was born deaf.
- · helping chronically deaf patients

#### deaf

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

deaf W3 /def/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Language: Old English]

- 1. physically unable to hear anything or unable to hear well ⇒ **hearing impaired**:
  - communication between deaf and hearing people
  - I think Mum's going a bit deaf.
  - She's deaf and dumb (=unable to hear or speak) and communicates using sign language.
  - Tom was born profoundly deaf (=having great difficulty hearing).

stone deaf/deaf as a post informal (=completely deaf) ⇒ 1hard of hearing, 1tone-deaf

2. the deaf [plural] people who are deaf:

a school for the deaf

- **3**. **be deaf to something** *literary* to be unwilling to hear or listen to something:
  - She was deaf to his pleas.
- 4. turn a deaf ear (to something) to be unwilling to listen to what someone is saying or asking:
  - The factory owners turned a deaf ear to the demands of the workers.
- 5. fall on deaf ears if advice or a warning falls on deaf ears, everyone ignores it

-deafness noun [uncountable]

# **COLLOCATIONS**

#### verbs

- go deaf (=become deaf) By the time he was 50 he had begun to go deaf.
- be born deaf If the mother gets the disease, her baby may be born deaf.
- leave somebody deaf (=cause someone to become deaf) A blow on the head left him permanently deaf.
- adverbs

- totally deaf (=completely deaf) He was totally deaf, and unable to walk.
- partially deaf (=partly deaf) Most children who are partially deaf can be taught in normal schools.
- stone deaf informal (=completely deaf) She must be stone deaf if she didn't hear all that noise!
- profoundly deaf technical (=completely deaf) Many profoundly deaf children have great difficulty in learning to read.

# phrases

- as deaf as a post informal (=completely deaf) He won't hear you he's as deaf as a post.
- deaf in one ear The illness left her deaf in one ear.

## **THESAURUS**

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- deaf adjective physically unable to hear anything, or unable to hear well: Deaf people use sign language to communicate.
- be hard of hearing to have difficulty hearing things, for example because you are old: You'll have to speak up she's a bit hard of hearing. I subtitles for the hard of hearing
- hearing-impaired formal adjective having a permanent physical condition which makes it difficult for you to hear things: Not all hearing-impaired people are completely deaf.

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