



Hearing Loss Bingo Program Idea

Have you ever thought of using a game format for a monthly chapter meeting?

Listed below are resources and a sample game board to play hearing loss “bingo.” Playing the game could be a lot of fun and educational at the same time.

The concept is to call out a word and have people put a chip on their card if they have that word. You may use M&Ms or, if you play the game in February, heart-shaped candies for the “chips.” That way, even those who don't win a prize can have a treat when the game's over.

There is a program available on the Internet for creating and printing the actual cards. You generate the list of words for the game cards and the program will mix the words for you. That way, no two cards would be the same.

For a supply of words, ask an audiologist to draw one up for you or use the “definitions” pages of the *Consumer's Guide to Hearing Aids* available in many hearing care offices and from the [HLAA website](http://www.hlaa.org). If an audiologist creates the list he/she could also define each word during the game.

If you expect more than 2 dozen players you would replace at least one word in the group for the second 2 dozen cards you printed. The website is found below.

http://www.gatheringbasket.com/cgi-bin/open_home.pl?action=bingo_card

The “bingo” game caller/emcee would draw words from a box or basket. As he/she reads each word, he/she would read the definition of that word. (That's the education part).

Prizes could be gag gifts from a \$1.00 store or whatever you wish such as pens or mugs with the chapter logo on them. (One source is VistaPrint.com.) Make sure that you follow the HLAA Logo Guidelines when ordering materials with the chapter logo on them.

Have fun!

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