**Video Transcript**

Title of the video: Tips for Socializing with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students.

Orren (male wearing a black jacket over a turquoise shirt standing in front of a brick wall): Hi,

my name is Orren. I am the only hard of hearing student in a mainstream program at a public school. Sometimes, I feel pretty lonely. If you’re wondering how to get involved with hard of hearing students and deaf students and interact with them. Here’s some suggestions.

**Scenario #1:** In a hallway with lockers. Students walking up and down the hall. Orren comes up the hallway, smiling at a student walking down the hall. The student did not make an eye contact with Orren.

Orren packs his books in the locker and puts some books in his backpack.

Christina (female wearing a forest green sweater and a capri pant walking up the hallway and spotting Orren. She taps his shoulder): Uh… Hey! Hi. Uhh… Do you wanna… uhh, you and I, walk to class together?

Orren: Yeah, sure!

Christina and Orren walk up the hallway together.

*(End of the scenario #1)*

**Scenario #2:** Five students lining up to go in a school van. Orren is the fourth person in the line and as he was about to enter the van, Maia (female wearing gray t-shirt with a black capri pant taps Orren on the shoulder).

Maia: Hey.

Orren turns around and faces Maia.

Maia: Do you wanna sit… together?

Orren: Sure.

Maia and Orren hopping in the van. Then, they both use a notebook and pen to communicate. Jolting down and introducing each other’s name. The camera turns its focus on the notebook. The messages on the notebook show “What’s your name?” “Orren, you?” “I’m Maia.” “Nice to meet you!” “Nice to meet you, too!”

*(End of the scenario #2)*

**Scenario #3:** In school cafeteria, four students are sitting together at a table chatting about school. Orren passes the table and sits at a table all by himself.

Alex (male wearing a denim jacket over a turquoise sleeveless shirt): I can’t believe that homework…

Maia: \*scoffs\* I know, it’s so awful!

Alex: That was really tough…

Maia: \*laughs\* oh well… Glad THAT’S over.

Alex: Yeah… Tell me about it.

Maia: Hey… What about him?

A male student (Zohan) in a red shirt stands up and walks to the table where Orren is sitting and eating by himself. He gestures to Orren to tell him to join the table with the rest of the group.

Zohan: Hey, uh do you wanna come sit with us?

Orren points his finger to the table, smiles, picks up his tray, and walks over the table. He sits down.

Orren: Give me one second… (he takes a notebook out of his backpack and starts jolting down, “Hi!” And puts the notebook in the middle of the table for everyone else to read).

The four students wave their hand to say hi back to Orren.

Maia: \*laughs\* hey.

Orren: Heyyy.

Amy (wearing a gray jacket with a hoodie): Hey!

Orren jolts down on the notebook, asking everyone to share their name.

Alex: My… name… A-L-E-X.

Orren: Oh Alex. Nice to meet you.

Maia: Hey, again.

Zohan: My name is Z-O-H-A-N, Zohan!

Orren: Hi!

Amy (pointing out to the notebook): Let me see that (starts writing down her name).

Orren (reads the notebook and looks up to Amy): A-M-Y.

Amy (copies Orren): A-M-Y. Oh!!

Orren writes a message in the notebook.

*(End of the scenario #3)*

**Scenario #4:** All six students state a tip in the end of the video, all are standing in front of the brick wall.

Christina: Deaf students are just like hearing students.

Alex: Be friendly, respectful, and patient.

Maia: If you want to learn ASL, just ask a teacher!

Amy: Learning ASL is cool, fun, and beneficial!

Zohan: In school it doesn’t matter if students are deaf or hard of hearing. Get involved with extracurricular activities like performing arts, sports, group projects, or anything you want!

Orren: If you’re unsure how to talk with deaf or hard of hearing students, just go for it! Don’t be afraid. It’s alllll good!

*(End of the scenario #4)*

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from the video?
2. Give some examples of how you may socialize with a Deaf or Hard of Hearing student(s) at your school.
3. What are your experiences like when you socialize with a Deaf or Hard of Hearing student(s)?

*(Credits at the end)*

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