

Using a Voice Amplifier

Description

A voice amplifier is a portable device that helps others to hear a person's speech. The person speaks into a microphone that increases their volume so that others can hear what they have said. Most units can be used with any type of microphone. There are many device options to consider depending on the person's needs, including Bluetooth VoiceSaver®; ChatterVox® ProH; Voice Buddy® Mini Buddy®; Spokesman® Voice Amplifier and JustAMP® Digital Amplifier.



MiniBuddy®, ADLS. Photo used with permission

Who may benefit?

- People with a quiet, weak voice, including those with breath support problems and those who get tired easily from speaking.

How do you use it?

- Attach the speaker/ battery pack to the person's waist or wheelchair.
- Turn on the device. Position the microphone and adjust the volume to fit the situation.

Supporting Use

Ask what, if any, support the person needs to care for and use the device:

- Turning it on and off.
- Adjusting the volume.
- Putting on and positioning the microphone
- Recharging or replacing the batteries on a regular basis
- Making sure that the device and charger/ spare batteries are stored in its case in a safe location to avoid loss or damage
- Making sure it is available for use and that family, friends and healthcare providers are encouraged to use it during interactions

See [AHS.ca Communication Access](https://www.ahs.ca/Communication-Access) for more Communication Access information. For further learning and support, please contact your local audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or practice.consultation@ahs.ca.



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