BRIDGE Product Catalog

Rehabilitation Resources for Educators and Professionals
BRIDGE is a program developed by MED-EL Corporation especially designed for education and rehabilitation professionals, implant users and parents to help BRIDGE the gap between implantation and the rapid development of improved listening skills and spoken communication. The BRIDGE program consists of a wide variety of products, resources and materials for adult and pediatric habilitation, assessment, and device management.

This process begins with identifying the implant user’s current skills, setting realistic expectations and goals, and ensuring the best possible device function and listening skills each day. A variety of habilitation materials can help guide and motivate both the user and the professional toward achieving the best possible communicative competence.

For more information about BRIDGE products, please visit www.medel.com.

MED-EL is committed to supporting cochlear implant users, parents, and the professionals who provide services to people using MED-EL cochlear implant systems.
Pediatric Habilitation and Assessment

Teen Rehabilitation and Assessment

Adult Rehabilitation and Assessment
An order form is available as a download at www.medel.com or by contacting the MED-EL office at 888-633-3524. The order form provides all the information needed to place an order for materials.

Any item with this green triangle can also be found on the Educational Resources CD of the Educator Packet.
Pediatric Habilitation & Assessment
**LET’S GET STARTED**

This material designed for beginning listeners provides listening activities for families and caregivers with babies and toddlers who have hearing loss and/or cochlear implants. The activities discussed and demonstrated in Let’s Get Started help develop the child’s listening and language acquisition in a very simple and natural way in everyday situations. Developed by the Yorkshire Cochlear Implant Service in collaboration with MED-EL.

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Recommended Ages: Infants, toddlers, parents, professionals

Available Languages: English, Spanish, French, Dutch

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Recommended Ages: Birth to 2 years (hearing age)

Available Languages: English, French, German, Turkish, Slovenian

**MY LITTLEARS® DIARY**

My LittlEARS Diary gathers information about early auditory, speech and language development. It is both a record book and an assessment tool for documenting early development of children with hearing loss using either hearing aids or a cochlear implant. My LittleEars Diary includes several different resources to guide and support parents during the early developmental stage. A comprehensive overview of developmental milestones during the first two years of life is included in the Therapist Book. Additional Diaries can be obtained from the download center at www.medel.com. Authors: Kim Veekmans, Heike Kühn-Inacher, Susanne Almadin, Patrick D’Haese.

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**LITTLEARS® DIARY ACTIVITIES**

The LittlEARS Diary Activities include 28 activities designed to supplement the LittlEARS Diary. These activities are for parents and young children to share while being guided by a therapist. When used with the LittlEARS Diary the activities correspond to the weekly diary entries. This resource can also be a stand alone material. A wonderful resource for newly implanted children, their parents and early interventionists. Developed by Julie Kosanar.

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Recommended Ages: Young children

Available Languages: English
PICTURE PERFECT PRESCHOOL

Alisa Beard, M.S. and Patricia Parekh, M.S. developed the Picture Perfect Preschool especially for parents of preschool-aged children. The Picture Perfect Preschool (PPP) package was designed to assist families who are just beginning the search for a preschool setting for their young child with hearing impairment. It also includes a helpful tool for evaluating a child’s current preschool placement to determine if the use of audition, speech, language and academic skills are being maximized.

Product includes: 20 Questions, a guideline for parents to use when evaluating a potential preschool; the Parent Observation Checklist which assists parents in focusing on and documenting observations about important listening and language targets that can occur throughout the various units of a typical preschool day (circle time, snack time, etc.); and Teaching Tips, a simple guide parents can provide to the classroom teacher with suggestions to better serve the child with hearing loss in the classroom.

Contents:
- One hardcover binder
- Five copies of each checklist

Recommended Ages:
Preschool children

Cost: $30.00
One replacement set: Contents with tabs $15.00
Available Languages:
English

MUSICAL EARS®

This is a musical therapy/training program for young children with hearing loss who use hearing aids or cochlear implants. It is designed for professionals working with young children and includes an evaluation form for 24 music listening behaviors that can be used both pre- and post-musical training. The DVD provides guidelines for implementing the music training program and demonstration of musical activities with embedded videos. Developed by Julie Kosaner.

Contents:
- DVD
- Assorted musical instruments

Recommended Ages:
Professionals working with young children

Cost: $60.00
Available Languages:
English, Spanish, French, Dutch all available on one DVD
KIDTRAX

KidTrax is a set of materials based on de Filippo and Scott's (1978) speech tracking approach. It is designed for use with children with hearing loss. The materials can be used with children with varying skills and abilities. The story books and texts included supply teachers and therapists with five options at each of the three different levels: 10 bright, attractive picture books of Levels 1 and 2 (for use with younger children) and five texts of Level 3 adventure stories for older children. This is an outstanding resource to support teachers and therapists working to increase children's auditory memory through speech or discourse tracking. Developed by Geoff Plant and Sue Archbold.

Contents:
- One manual
- Two different sets of picture books (Level 1 and 2)

Recommended Ages: 4 years to young adult

Cost: $110.00

Available Languages: English and German

MURAT READER SERIES

The Murat Reader Series was developed to provide an inexpensive habilitation tool for CI children and their families. It also gives less experienced professionals and parents access to easy-to-use comprehensive therapy materials. The Murat Reader Series enables professionals and parents to work with a child with a newly acquired ability to hear speech in a way that will promote development of spoken language. The story book has a child's page with an illustrated story about Murat. The parent's page guides parents with discussion points, listening activities and games to play for developing language through listening. Action and event cards and various activity sheets are included. Developed by Julie Kosaner.

Contents:
- All four books in all languages are provided on one CD
  - Murat Rides a Pony
  - Murat Goes Shopping
  - Murat Goes on a Picnic
  - Murat's Birthday Present

Recommended Ages: Young children and pre/early readers

Available Languages: English, Bulgarian, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Turkish, Hungarian

Cost: $7.00
Recently revised in English, EARS is a test battery designed to assess auditory development in children before and after cochlear implantation. EARS was developed to follow the emerging auditory skills following cochlear implantation, as described by Ling (1976) and Erber (1982). The EARS battery includes tests of different linguistic levels suitable for children of different ages. The test has a number of closed and open set speech perception tests, as well as questionnaires that can be completed by the child’s parents and teachers. Includes normative data collected from over 700 children using CIs for each test. Developed by Diane Allum-Mecklenburg.

Contents:
• Instruction manual
• Picture book
• Toys appropriate for the closed set tests
• Common Objects Token (COT) Test
• Speaker cloth screen
• EARS Normative Data Booklet

Recommended Ages: 3 years+

Cost: $500.00

Available Languages:
English, Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Mandarin, Malay, Korean, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish

The COT Test is a sentence level test for hearing impaired children that measures auditory speech perception skills. The test is a closed set task, but of higher complexity than most closed set tasks. It aims to assess a child at a transition level between basic closed set tasks and open set tasks. The test was revised in 2004 and is suitable for children with cochlear implants from as young as three years of age. The measure has two different levels, a “quick-test” with three subtests and a “full-length” version with six subtests. This measure is also included in the EARS battery. Authors: Ilona Anderson, Jane Martin, Anne Costa, Lyn Jamieson, Geoff Plant, Markus Pitterl.

Contents:
• Test toys
• Instruction manual

Recommended Ages: 3 years+

Cost: $60.00

Available Languages:
English, Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish
IDENTIFYING EARLY PHONOLOGICAL NEEDS IN CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

Developed by Carolyn Brown, M.S. and Elaine Paden, Ph.D. this well-known clinical tool is designed to assess spontaneous use of first level phonological patterns in children with hearing loss. A list of 25 words (picture cards included) that are typically within the speaking vocabulary of young children with hearing loss is utilized in this test. The word list provides at least five opportunities for the child to demonstrate how well he/she spontaneously targets each basic consonant feature, such as manner, place, and voicing, as well as each of the primary vowel areas, diphthongs, and basic word patterns. Numerical scoring of the tests reveals whether the child’s patterns are missing, emerging or mastered. It is suitable for children with low-level verbal competency and is age independent.

**Contents:**
- Manual
- 25 Picture cards
- 20 Score sheets

**Recommended Ages:**
Children of all ages

**Cost:**
Full kit: $35.00
Set of 25 Picture cards: $15.00
Set of 20 Score sheets: $15.00

**Available Languages:**
English

MAINSTREAM ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR CHILDREN OVER FIVE (MARCOF)

The Mainstream Assessment of Readiness for Children Over Five (MARCOF) was developed by Cynthia S. Robinson, M.Ed., CED. This tool is designed for educators and parents of children who are deaf to use together for analysis of a child's readiness to enter mainstream education with hearing peers. Consideration is given to a variety of areas including standardized testing, listening behaviors, speech and language skills, auditory perception, academic skills, social/emotional development, and receiving school and family concerns. The importance of each area for evaluation is explained in a short summary. A numerical scoring sheet targets a child's strengths and challenges and provides information on overall readiness, as well as highlighting areas needing further intervention or support services. The kit includes a manual explaining skills that are considered important along with recommendations for assessments that will help gather the data needed to assist in decision-making for successful mainstreaming.

**Contents:**
- One instruction booklet
- Ten score sheets

**Recommended Ages:**
5 years+

**Cost:**
$25.00

**Available Languages:**
English
### LITTLEARS® AUDITORY QUESTIONNAIRE

The LITTLEARS Auditory Questionnaire is a parent questionnaire that evaluates auditory behaviors that are observable as a reaction to acoustic stimuli. This questionnaire is intended to follow the auditory development of children after newborn hearing screening from birth to 24 months of age; or hearing impaired children with cochlear implants or hearing aids with a hearing age (time after first fitting) of 0-24 months.

The questionnaire was standardized on 218 normal hearing children aged 0–24 months and is currently being evaluated on children with cochlear implants. Expected values and minimal values are given for individual comparison. The questionnaire consists of 35 questions, which can be completed by the parents. Completion instructions are provided on the questionnaire.

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### CHECKLIST OF AUDITORY COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Checklist of Auditory Communication Skills is a measure that assists teachers, therapists, audiologists and parents in tracking the progress of a child’s auditory development and setting logical goals. It is designed for use with children of any age and skill level. This checklist is easy to use, especially to monitor a child’s progress on a variety of developing skills over time. Developed by Nancy Caleffe-Schenck M.Ed., CCC-A, LSLS Cert.AVT®.

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Teen Rehabilitation & Assessment
TeenEARS®

TeenEARS is a test battery specifically developed for teenagers with cochlear implants. It is comprised of seven tests and one questionnaire. These tests cover differing levels of language competence, as well as auditory skills and psychosocial issues. The listening skills range from basic (environmental sounds) to more complex (speech tracking) and include open and closed set assessments. TeenEARS can either be used as an extension of the MED-EL EARS test battery, or as a stand-alone assessment battery for newly implanted teens. This test battery was developed in conjunction with a number of centers in the United Kingdom currently working with teenagers. TestTRAX is included in this battery.

Contents:
• Instruction manual
• Test book
• Environmental sounds CD

Recommended Ages:
Teenagers

Cost: $210.00
Available Languages:
English and German
TESTRAX
TesTrax is an assessment tool designed to evaluate speech perception skills using a modified version of speech tracking. Eight stories are included on this CD. Each story is segmented into a series of brief phrases. A score sheet is provided. This tool is suitable for teens and adults. TesTrax is also included in the TeenEARS assessment. Developed by Geoff Plant and Ilona Anderson.

Contents:
- CD

Recommended Ages:
Adults and older children

Cost: $70.00

Available Languages:
English, German, French, Polish all available on one CD

TEENTRAX
Speech Tracking Materials for Teens
TeenTrax is a training tool for developing speech perception skills using a modified version of Speech Tracking. This material provides speech tracking instructions and materials for teachers and therapists on one CD that can be used with teenagers, older children and young adults. The TeenTrax CD includes comprehensive instructions to assist and familiarize professionals with the technique of speech tracking.

Also included is a 9,217-word fiction story, “Fire,” with segmented text for tracking; a series of PowerPoint slides that provides an introduction to the story; a score sheet for documenting progress and two sets of follow up activities. “Fire” is a story about two boys on a mountain hiking trip that will make working on speech communication skills fun for your teens. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:
- CD with materials in PDF format

Recommended Ages:
Teens to young adults

Cost: $50.00

Available Languages:
English
Adult Rehabilitation & Assessment
**AUDITRAIN**

Auditrain is a training program designed to help cochlear implant users improve their communication skills. It contains twenty-two individual lesson plans, each of which includes both synthetic and analytic exercises. The synthetic materials – question and answer exercises, lists of common sentences around a central theme, word matrices and many other exercises – are designed to help CI users optimize the use of their cochlear implant in everyday situations. Developed by Geoff Plant.

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Recommended Ages: Adults

Available Languages: English, English (UK), Norwegian, German all on one CD

**SPEECHTRAX**

SpeechTrax is a resource for clinicians to use with individuals for whom conventional speech tracking may not be appropriate. This material features a modified version of Hans Christian Andersen’s classic story, “The Tinderbox.” This engaging story is divided into 53 sections, each of which consists of brief phrases (averaging 8 words each) for a total of 200 words per section. SpeechTrax is an effective and enjoyable approach to helping cochlear implant users develop and improve their communication skills. Developed by Geoff Plant.

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Recommended Ages: Adults

Available Languages: English, Dutch, French, Polish, Romanian, and Spanish all available on one CD
HEAR AT HOME

Hear at Home was developed to meet the needs of people with cochlear implants who require training and support, but who are without easy or ready access to trained therapists. Hear at Home is designed for home use with family members and/or friends as the talkers. The exercises provide the talker with detailed instructions for presentation of the materials. This program is divided into 10 separate sessions. In each session a series of speech sounds are introduced in words and sentences. Other exercises are provided which offer additional practice in the recognition of connected speech. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:  
• CD  
Recommended Ages:  
Adults  
Cost: $70.00  
Available Languages:  
English, French, Romanian, Turkish all available on one CD

SYNTRAIN

Syntrain was created to meet the needs of the special group of adult clients who have poor reading skills. This material is also useful for therapy with older children and teenagers. Syntrain has a series of pictorial exercises that require little or no reading. Exercises involving spondees and trisyllables in isolation and in simple sentences, as well as picture-based sentence identification exercises are included. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:  
• CD  
Recommended Ages:  
Adults and older teens  
Cost: $70.00  
Available Languages:  
English, Romanian all available on one CD

ANALYTIKA

Analytika is a collection of analytic tests and training lists for use with adults and older children. Almost 600 lists are presented in a Word® format on a CD to allow for easy editing and printing. This means therapists can adjust the words to suit regional dialects, etc. An instruction manual is provided in PDF format. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:  
• One CD in Microsoft Word® Format  
Recommended Ages:  
Adults and teens  
Cost: $115.00  
Available Languages:  
English
AN AR SAMPLER

Communication Testing and Training Materials

An AR Sampler contains a number of test and training resources applicable to day-to-day clinical work in speech pathology and audiology. The material is useful for both older children and adults with severe to profound hearing losses. An AR Sampler contains eight different testing and training resources: consonant lists, Contentest, high frequency word lists, most frequent CVC lists, most frequent sentences lists, poems for younger children, poems for older children and a modified speech tracking story. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:
- CD

Recommended Ages:
Adults

Cost: Free

Available Languages:
English and Romanian

MUSIC NOTES

Communication Testing and Training Materials

Music Notes is a resource for therapists and rehabilitation professionals. It provides clinicians with an overview of music and cochlear implants. Music Notes offers suggestions to help enhance music experiences for adults with cochlear implants. Areas covered include early listening activities, music focus groups and music making. This material also provides a number of resources for use in clinical settings. Developed by Geoff Plant.

Contents:
- CD 1: Music Notes manual in PDF format
- CD 2: Musical tracks for use in testing and training

Cost: $110.00

Available Languages: English

Recommended Ages: Adults
Adult Assessment

THE MU.S.I.C. TEST

Music Perception Test Battery

Musical Sounds in Cochlear Implants is a scientifically developed tool, originally written to assess music perception in cochlear implant users. This tool can be used by anyone. The Mu.S.I.C. Test is an instrument-based test, with specially composed pieces for most of the subtests. Six modules assess specific musical skills and two are subjective tests. The following modules are available on The Mu.S.I.C. Test DVD: Pitch, Rhythm, Melody, Distinguish Chords, What Instrument, Number of Instruments, Emotional Perception and Dissonance. Delivery takes 4-6 weeks.

Contents:
- One CD: The Mu.S.I.C. Test Manual in PDF format and a registration page. By registering, the purchaser of the test will be able to receive any upgrades.
- One DVD: The Mu.S.I.C. Test which is activated by an authority code obtained from music@medel.com.

Cost: $915.00
Available Languages: English, German, Welsh
Recommended Ages: Adults

MUNICH MUSIC QUESTIONNAIRE

The Munich Music Questionnaire (MUMU) is a research-based, validated tool consisting of 25 questions designed to assess the music listening habits of people with post-lingual deafness before and after cochlear implantation. This questionnaire, developed by Hanna Brockmeier, is intended to supply clinicians with useful information on the past and current role of music in client's lives as well as several other aspects of music appreciation/participation with a cochlear implant.

Contents:
- Questionnaire

Recommended Ages: Adults

Cost: Set of 10 printed questionnaires $56.00 or free download
Available Languages: English, Spanish, German, French

Recommended Ages: Adults
Resources
Troubleshooting Kits for Schools

The EarGear Troubleshooting Kits are designed and priced for educational needs and budgets. Several different kit types are available and contain all that an educator needs to do basic troubleshooting to get a child back on the air during the school day. Each kit comes housed in a case with MED-EL’s EarGear logo. Kit components are based on the type of audio processor. Please specify EarGear for TEMPO+/OPUS 1 or EarGear for OPUS 2.

Teaching Children Who Listen with a Cochlear Implant

The revised Handbook for Educators is a comprehensive resource for teachers who want to know more about supporting children in the classroom who are using cochlear implants or who will be undergoing cochlear implantation. Details on everything from basic information on cochlear implant functioning to tips for the classroom teacher at each stage of the cochlear implantation process are provided. These useful tips include classroom and teaching modifications, the importance of auditory skills, how to conduct a daily listening check, how to develop a positive auditory learning environment and much more. This user friendly handbook also includes specifics on MED-EL audio processors as well as a glossary of terms related to cochlear implant systems. This is also found in the Educator Packet as a CD.

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**Recommended Ages:**
School-age children and teens

**HANDBOOK FOR EDUCATORS**

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**Recommended Ages:**
All school ages, professionals and parents

**Available Languages:**
English
MED-EL OPUS 1/TEMPO+ and OPUS 2 Audio Processors

The revised Equipment Guides and the Handbook for Educators used in tandem are designed to enhance a teacher's current teaching practices as he/she works with a student who is learning to listen with a cochlear implant. The Equipment Guides are designed to help professionals and/or parents become confident in handling and assembling parts of the audio processors, understanding all the available wearing options and objectively verifying that the device is working properly. It provides step-by-step instructions to help identify and solve problems. Although the audiologist or the child’s implant center typically handles advanced troubleshooting, many teachers and therapists find that minor problems can be quickly managed without disturbing daily learning and listening. Easy step-by-step guidelines for conducting daily listening checks are included.

## Contents:
- Available as a download from www.medel.com
- Free
- English

## Recommended Ages:
- All ages, professionals and parents

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OPUS 2 QUICK GUIDE

The OPUS 2 Quick Guide is an eight page pamphlet designed to help cochlear implant users, professionals and/or parents become confident in handling and assembling the OPUS 2 processor and FineTuner, understand all the available wearing options and objectively verify the device is working properly. It provides step-by-step instructions with detailed pictures to help identify and solve any problems.

## Contents:
- Printed brochure or download
- Free
- English

## Recommended Ages:
- All ages, CI users, professionals, and parents
MED-EL MADE EASY

MED-EL offers a series of Made Easy cards designed as a quick troubleshooting guide for the MED-EL Audio Processors and the OPUS 2 FineTuner. The cards have diagrams of the audio processors with explanations for changing batteries and cables. One side of the chart explains the different LED blinking patterns with instructions for interpretation and action necessary for each blinking pattern. Designed especially for education and rehabilitation professionals and parents. Specify the type of processor (OPUS 1 or 2) when ordering. These are also found in the Educator Packet.

Contents:
• Laminated card
• Included in all versions of the EarGear kits

Cost: Free
Recommended Ages: All ages

COMMUNICATION OPTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENTS

A Guidebook for Parents

Communication Options and Educational Placements: A Guidebook for Parents was developed in collaboration with BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing, Inc. It provides a non-biased approach designed to present the more common options a family will encounter on the continuum of communication and educational placements. Those working with parents and babies will find this resource especially valuable.

Contents:
• Brochure in print and download from www.medel.com

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English
Recommended Ages: Young children
PARENT'S GUIDE TO HEARING LOSS

The Parent Guide is a colorful informative booklet designed especially for parents. The aim of this booklet is to provide parents with a detailed and easy-to-use guide concerning the different aspects of hearing and hearing loss. Topics include all about hearing and hearing loss, cochlear implants as an option, and an overview of MED-EL's MAESTRO cochlear implant system. Highlights include a birth - 2 years developmental chart and experiences from other parents. This booklet is excellent reference for parents and professionals working with young children.

Contents:
• Booklet in print and download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages:
Young children, parents and professionals

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English

LITTLE LISTENERS

A Resource for Supporting Young Deaf Children with Cochlear Implants

Little Listeners is a comprehensive guide designed especially for parents of young children. The current state of the art of cochlear implantation in this young population along with detailed information on preverbal communication and speech, language and auditory development is discussed. The guide is packed full of helpful suggestions for parents to assist them in the facilitation of their young child’s communication skill development. Contributors: Marleen Bammens, Leo De Raever, Marianne Haesevoets, Josepha Jans Ria Pans, Hilde Vandistel, Yvette Vrolix.

Contents:
• Brochure in print and download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages:
Young children, parents and professionals

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English
MUSIC AND YOUNG CHILDREN WITH CIs

Music and Young Children with CIs was designed especially for parents of young children. Music activities for young children and parents to share at home are discussed. This parent guide describes activities to strengthen musicality as well as a Musicality Rate Scale for 25 different musical skills in young children. Developed by Julie Kosaner.

Contents:
- Printed booklet or download at www.medel.com

Recommended Ages:
Young children, parents

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English, Spanish

THE FARMER’S CHEESE

An original musical composition based on the children’s story, “The Farmer’s Cheese” is a special musical composed for children with CIs. The original piece was composed by Oliver Searle and based on a children’s story written by Geoff Plant. It was illustrated by Jane Eldershaw. A colorful hardback story book with both CD and DVD of the musical concert makes up this package.

Contents:
- Hardback book
- CD
- DVD

Recommended Ages:
All ages

Cost: $40.00
Available Languages: English
The Loudness Scale Charts include a range of loudness scaling charts specifically designed for children and adults. Special Seasonal Scales for children are available for download from the MED-EL website. These fun charts can be printed and laminated for use during programming and therapy. These are also found in the Educator Packet.

**Contents:**
- Printed cards and download from www.medel.com
- Seasonal scales available as download only

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** Children and adults

**Available Languages:** English, Spanish

The Ling Six Sound Cards package contains six, 3x5 cards representing the six sounds from the Ling Six Sound Test. These are designed for use with young children. Useful for listening checks and early speech sound discrimination tasks. These appealing cards are ideal for classroom and therapy settings. These are also found in the Educator Packet.

**Contents:**
- One set of six cards
- Also available as a download

**Cost:** Free

**Recommended Ages:** Children of all ages

**Available Languages:** English, Spanish

MED-EL’s new comic book series is designed to appeal to a young audience while introducing the topic of hearing implants in a fun way. Introduced in July 2011, the comic book features the young superhero, Will Wonder and his bilateral cochlear implants. Will’s “Robot Ears” help him to hear and communicate with others, and newly-discovered special powers make him more sensitive to the vibrations given off by other people, the earth and the environment. The ability to control these vibrations makes Will powerful. Editions of the comic book are released periodically in print and online.

**Contents:**
- Printed booklet and PDF download from www.medel.com

**Recommended Ages:** Older children and young adults

**Cost:** Free

**Available Languages:** English, Spanish and German
SOUNDSCAPE
Online Interactive Listening Activities

SoundScape, found at www.medel.com, is a series of free interactive listening activities for cochlear implant users to practice listening skills. There are a variety of interactive listening activities designed specifically for different age groups. Each activity has downloadable PDF materials for additional listening practice. New activities and extensions of existing games will be added, creating a larger and larger library of free listening activities over time.

Contents:
• Interactive web games

Recommended Ages:
All ages, professionals and parents

Cost: Free interactive web site and PDF download
Available Languages: English

LIVING AND HEARING WITH A COCHLEAR IMPLANT

This practical and comprehensive brochure is designed especially for adults with cochlear implants. This useful guide is packed full of discussion and ideas for improving communication skills following cochlear implantation. Topics covered include listening practice at home, using the telephone, listening to music, using assistive listening devices, maximizing listening and communication, auditory rehabilitation and care and maintenance.

Contents:
• Printed brochure or download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages:
Adults

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English

ENJOYING MUSIC WITH YOUR COCHLEAR IMPLANT

This instructive guide is designed to assist the adult cochlear implant user to fine-tune their music appreciation. Ideal for CI users and professionals alike. This brochure includes not only discussion about music appreciation but many useful tips for music listening and a section on “plug & play” for connecting the MED-EL audio processor using the direct-connect audio cable.

Contents:
• Printed brochure or download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages:
Adults

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English
GETTING CONNECTED GUIDEBOOK

This concise yet practical guide is excellent not only for the cochlear implant user but for professionals working with both children and adults using the MED-EL OPUS 2 audio processor.

Everything you could want to know for connecting to different assistive listening devices is included. You will love all the excellent pictures and detailed instructions to make connecting to ALDs easy.

Contents:
- Printed booklet or download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages: Adults

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English

HEARSAY EDUCATIONAL E-NEWSLETTER

The HearSay e-Newsletter is aimed at meeting the needs of teachers and rehabilitation specialists. Included are tips for working with children who have implants, news about MED-EL and its products, and other topics of interest to teachers, therapists, and early intervention providers. Sign-up to receive this e-newsletter by sending an email with “subscribe” in the subject line to usaeducators@medel.com.

Contents:
- E-mail newsletter issues available as download at www.medel.com

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English

EDUCATOR PACKET

The Educator Packet is a trifold packet packed full of goodies for educators, hearing professionals and parents working with children with cochlear implants. Two CDs are included which feature many of MED-EL’s most popular materials and resources. The Ling Six Sound Cards, Loudness Scales, and BRIDGE catalog are among the many items found in this packet.

Contents:
- BRIDGE Catalog and Order Form
- Handbook for Educators CD
- Educational Resources CD
- Ling Six Sound Cards
- Letter to Professionals
- List of Downloadable Resources
- Pediatric Loudness Scale Charts
- MED-EL Made Easy Cards

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English
Resources for helping children understand cochlear implants

MELLIE AND HER COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

This is the story of MELLIE, the MED-Elephant and her family. This delightful book tells the story of Mellie, a young elephant, and her family from the discovery that she is deaf through the process of candidacy, surgery, programming and use of her cochlear implants. This colorfully illustrated book is useful during the cochlear implant candidacy phase as well as for teaching children about cochlear implants and the implantation process. This item is also included as part of the Mellie’s Teaching Kit.

Contents:
• Paperback book and available in print or as a download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages: Children

Cost: Free
Available Languages: English, Spanish

MELLIE AND HER COCHLEAR IMPLANTS COLORING BOOK

This wordless coloring book mirrors the Mellie and Her Cochlear Implants story book. This is a wonderful teaching resource for parents and professionals. This item is also included as part of the Mellie’s Teaching Kit.

Contents:
• Paperback book and available in print or as a download from www.medel.com

Recommended Ages: Young children, parents, professionals

Cost: Free
Available Languages: N/A
**MELLIE GOES TO NURSERY SCHOOL**

Mellie is growing up. This delightful and colorful storybook describes Mellie’s experiences on her first day of school. Wonderful resource for parents and professionals working with young children with cochlear implants.

Contents:
- Available as a download only at www.medel.com

Recommended Ages: Children

Cost: Free

Available Languages: English

**KIDS’ CORNER**

MED-EL presents Mellie in her online debut. Mellie explains hearing related topics with this online animated slide show. Designed especially for kids, this is a delightful way to teach the following topics: How Hearing Works, About Hearing Loss, How Well You Hear, What is a CI, How to Get a CI, and What Life is Like with a CI. This free resource, available at www.medel.com, is ideal for the classroom, clinic and parents.

Recommended Ages: All ages

Cost: Free

**MELLIE’S TEACHING KIT**

Mellie’s Teaching Kit includes a variety of materials that are ideal to use to develop a science unit to teach children about hearing, hearing loss and cochlear implants. This kit can be used with Kids’ Corner at www.medel.com to make teaching children about these important topics even more fun. The kit also includes a suggestion sheet for using Kids’ Corner in conjunction with the Mellie’s Teaching Kit.

Contents:
- 5 Mellie and Her Cochlear Implants story books
- 10 Mellie and Her Cochlear Implants coloring books
- Mellie stuffed animal
- Educational Resources CD with Kids’ Corner

Cost: Free

Recommended Ages: Preschool through elementary school