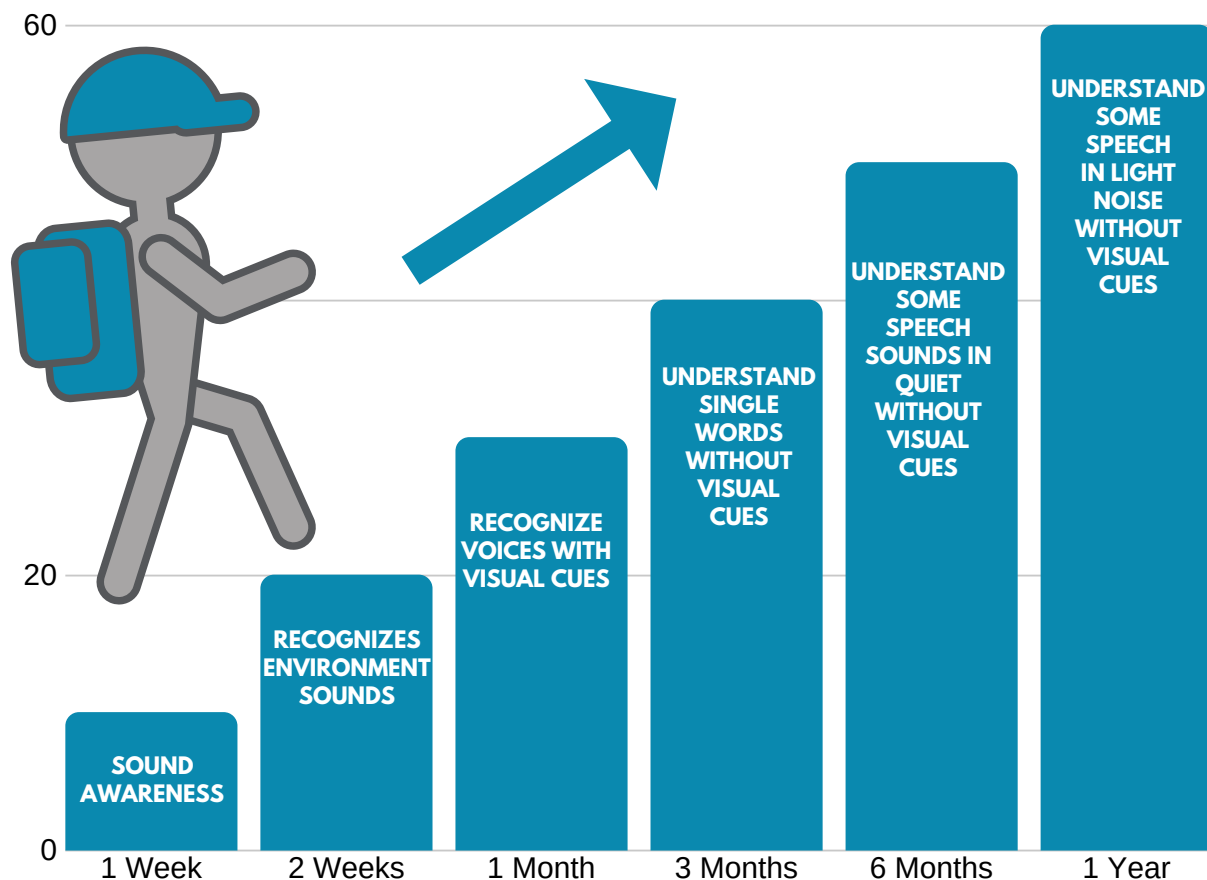




## Realistic Expectations for Cochlear Implant Users

- Captioned phones or speaker phones may still be necessary for phone conversation.
- Lip-reading may always be a part of my communication.
- Background noise may always be a problem.
- Closed Caption and assistive devices may still be necessary to hear television programs.
- Sounds around me may be different than what I remember them.
- In an auditorium, it may be difficult to understand the speaker without the use of an assistive listening device.
- It will be possible to hear my own voice, but monitoring the volume will take practice.
- Music may not sound as I remember. This takes time and practice.
- Others need to also have realistic expectations, understanding that I still have a hearing disability.
- It will be necessary to undergo training in order to make use of the new sound sensations.
- I will be able to tell the difference between most voices, but maybe not all.



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