Range of Combined Vision and Hearing Loss in Deaf-Blindness

The shaded cells represent areas of combined vision and hearing loss. Cells with no shading indicate that either vision or hearing is within normal range.

	Mild or No Visual Impairment (20/40 to 20/70)	Moderate Visual Impairment or Low Vision (20/70 to 20/200)	Severe Visual Impairment or Legal Blindness (20/200 to 20/400 or visual field <20°)	Light Perception Only	Total Blindness	Diagnosed Progressive Loss	Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)
Normal -10 to 15 dB							
Slight 16 to 25 dB							
Mild 26 to 40 dB							
Moderate 41 to 55 dB							
Moderately Severe 56 to 70 dB							
Severe 71 to 90 dB							
Profound 91 dB or greater							
Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)							

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