the hearing loss. In cases in which the hearing loss is postlingual, the client is likely to use oral English as the primary means of communication and may be able to carry out standard audiological tests, including speech audiometry and pure tones. Depending on the length of time the client has had this hearing loss, the client may experience reduced articulation skills, which may require the use of picture pointing in the assessment of speech recognition.

In terms of rehabilitation, the person who is postlingually deafened is likely to use hearing aids successfully and to view the audiologist and aural rehabilitation process in positive terms. Because they once had normal hearing,