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The 10 Commandments of Deaf Culture

1. You should not put hearing culture above deaf culture.
2. You shall not lose eye contact when communicating with a deaf person.
3. You shall communicate in sign language at all times.
4. You shall not be the deaf person's sign language instructor.
5. You shall not be the deaf person's English grammar teacher.
6. You shall not be the deaf person's speech therapist.
7. You shall not be the deaf person's comedian, telling non-deaf jokes and puns.
8. You shall not be the deaf person's "mother".
9. You shall view deaf people as an ethnic group, not as handicapped people.
10. You shall believe deaf people can do all things.