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\* **Sensorineural hearing loss** (SNHL) - when hearing loss is due to problems of the inner ear, also known as nerve-related hearing loss.  
\* **Mixed hearing loss** - refers to a combination of conductive and sensorineural hearing loss. This means that there may be damage in the outer or middle ear and in the inner ear (cochlea) or auditory nerve.  
  
**Some Causes  
  
Conductive Hearing Loss Sensorineural Hearing Loss**  
  
 \* Malformation of outer ear, \* Exposure to loud noise  
 ear canal, or middle ear   
\* Fluid from colds \* Head or trauma  
\* Ear infection \* Virus or disease  
\* Allergies \* Hereditary   
\* Poor Eustachian tube function \* Aging  
\* Perforated eardrum \* Malformation of the inner   
 ear  
\* Benign tumors \* Meniere’s disease  
\* Impacted earwax \* Otosclerosis  
\* Infection in the ear canal \* Tumors

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