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Teaching is a tough profession even on a good day. But it gets even tougher when your hearing gets in the way.

Emmy Føns Johnsen is an experienced teacher who, until last year, had zero experience with hearing devices.



Like so many people whose hearing deteriorates gradually, at first she didn't notice it; then she learned to cope with it, until eventually it started getting the better of her. One day Emmy's husband suggested she try hearing devices.

"I wish I'd done it years ago"

Emmy's only regret about getting hearing devices is that she didn't do years ago because Oticon's Dual Mini has improved her life tremendously. "Listening was becoming a burden both at home and at school," she says. "I used to be pretty intense in class – and probably more strict than other teachers because I needed a certain amount of quiet in order to maintain control and communicate. And I'm sure the kids sensed this."

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"My own class knew me so well that they automatically compensated. Looking back, I feel it must have been quite a burden for them. I hate to think that they might have been afraid to ask questions or express themselves because I seemed defensive or tense. Dual has changed the way I teach. I don't have to lip read as much, I'm more efficient and more relaxed, and my students can feel that. And where I used to have difficulty keeping up at staff meetings, I can even lead meetings now."

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Dual Mini makes Emmy feel stronger in more ways than one. She has more energy now for her family and herself. She is taking a Master's Degree in Pedagogy. And, where previously she would favour art exhibitions where the emphasis is on using one's eyes more than one's ears, she is now exploring her new found sense of hearing by attending lectures and other events. "A lot of the things I'm doing now I can thank Dual for," she smiles.

"Dual is very easy to use. I like the way it sounds and the fact that my own voice sounds natural. When I talk to colleagues about it - some of whom are already having difficulty hearing - they respond really positively. I think that knowing that you can get technology that looks this good and performs this well gives people hope. I'm thrilled with Dual because it helps me do my job, live a normal life and be myself."



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