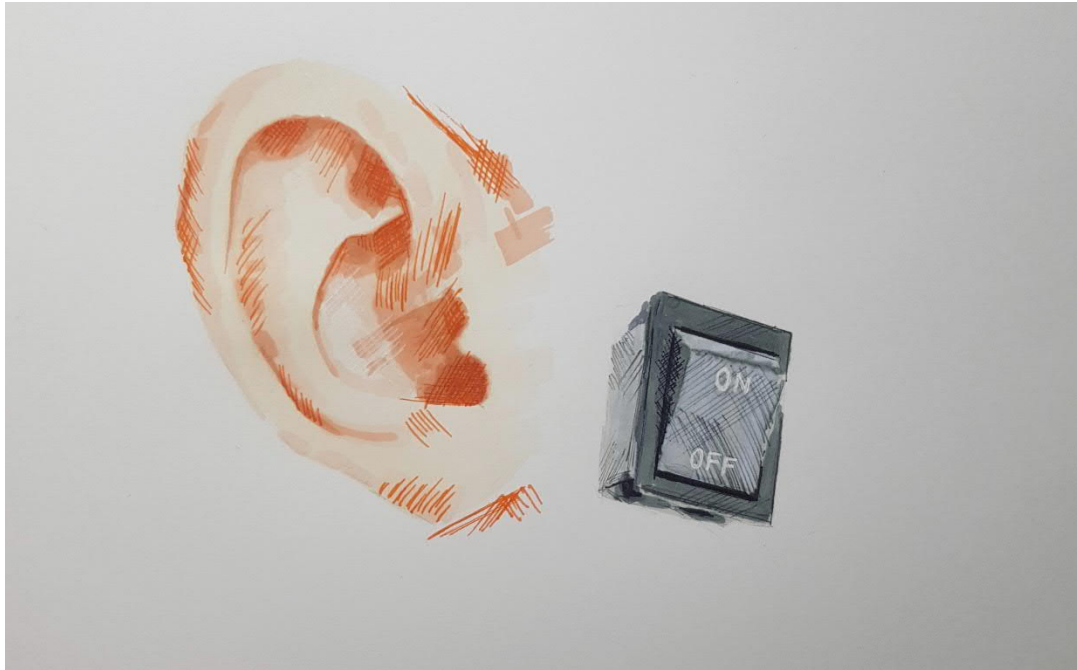


# To turn a deaf ear

To turn a deaf ear: Unwilling to help or be helped by others in specific situations.



## Examples:

- (1) My brother never listens to me, he seems to always turn a deaf ear to me. He thinks he knows how to do things better than me.
- (2) At the cinema, before the movie started, everyone there was enjoying their own individual conversations. Though, as soon as the lights went out and the movie was beginning, it was time to be quiet. All the people in the cinema were quiet, except the two people in the back row, who continued to talk amongst themselves, despite many people asking them to be quiet. They did eventually stop talking, but it took several minutes for this to happen. It appeared they just turned a deaf ear, until they had finished their conversation.