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Love is Never Silent is a movie about a girl named Margaret "maggie" Ryder who is trying to navigate life with two deaf parents. Maggie is trying to find her own identity apart from being the voice for her parents in a hearing world. She became a bridge between hearing and her deaf parents after her brother was killed in an accident. Throughout the movie she struggles to find her own happiness apart from her parents because she didn't want to accept that she is different. She felt that her parents could not function without her presence in a hearing world. She hid that her parents were deaf from her friends in high-school, co-workers, and her love interest William. She is very close with a shop owner and he often tells Maggie that when things come from the heart you don't have to speak or hear, you just know.

Maggie starts to develop her own independence when she meets William and they fall in love. The pair eventually get married which causes some tension with her parents, but William did not care that Maggie's parents were deaf. The parents were worried that Maggie would leave them to fend for themselves in a hearing world, with no voice. It was very difficult for these two families to merge together. William was essentially thrown into deaf culture immediately and had to learn to pick up signs and understand how the deaf community operates. Maggie had to make the choice between living with her parents or starting a life with her husband. Maggie struggled throughout life because she was very young and had to relay and communicate mature and adult conversations. Overall, this film analyzes the social factors that hearing children have to face with deaf parents.