Happy Feet Comparison paper

40 pts.

Throughout history, deafness has been treated as a disability by hearing people.  They have the need to fix or shun those who are different including the deaf.  The deaf were told they cannot sign, and if they didn't speak they wouldn't succeed.  Sign language was seen as inferior or not acceptable. Hours were spent in speech training, and with specialists. While this worked for some, it didn't work for most.   Many times the deaf were outcasts and few people truly understood them or their needs.  Some deaf people overcame the odds and succeeded despite their education and circumstances.  Recently the hearing world has started to recognize sign as a language, deafness as a culture and deaf people as contributing members of society.

In many aspects, Mumble's life parallels that of a deaf person. Using specific examples from the movie, write a one page essay that compares and contrasts Mumble's experiences to that of a deaf person.