

# Appropriate Disability Terminologies



**SAY:** Person with Disability

**AVOID SAYING:** Differently Abled / Special Abilities

**DON'T SAY:** Handicapped / Challenged / Suffers from...



**SAY...**



**AVOID SAYING**

<b>PHYSICAL DISABILITY</b>		<b>Person with Locomotor Disability</b> <b>Person with Mobility Disability</b> <b>Wheelchair User</b> <b>Person Affected by Leprosy/</b> <b>Leprosy Cured Person</b> <b>Person with Dwarfism/Person of Short Stature</b> <b>Acid Attack Victim</b> <b>Person with Muscular Dystrophy</b>	Cripple/Lame Wheelchair Bound Confined to Wheelchair Leper Dwarf
<b>VISION IMPAIRMENT</b>		<b>Person with Vision Disability</b> <b>Blind Person</b> <b>Person with Low Vision</b>	Visually Challenged
<b>HEARING IMPAIRMENT</b>		<b>Person with Hearing Disability</b> <b>Deaf Person</b> <b>Person Who is Hard of Hearing</b>	Deaf and Dumb Deaf Mute
<b>INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT</b>		<b>Person with Intellectual Disability</b>	Mentally Retarded Mental Deranged/Retard Psychotic/Insane
<b>MENTAL ILLNESS</b>		<b>Person with Mental Illness</b> <b>Person with Psycho-Social Disability</b>	Crazy Mental/Maniac/Nut case Psycho
<b>SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY</b>		<b>Person with Dyslexia/</b> <b>Dysgraphia/ Dyscalculia/</b> <b>Dyspraxia/ Developmental Aphasia</b>	Dyslexic Retarded
<b>AUTISM</b>		<b>Person with Autism</b>	Autistic
<b>BLOOD DISORDERS AND CHRONIC NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS</b>		<b>Person with Haemophilia/Thalassemia/</b> <b>Sickle Cell Disease, Person with Multiple Sclerosis</b> <b>Person with Parkinson's disease</b>	Hemophilic Thalassemic
<b>MULTIPLE DISABILITIES</b>		<b>Person with Cerebral Palsy</b> <b>Person with Deaf-blindness</b>	Spastic The Deafblind

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