

# Disability Language



## Inappropriate Use

The Disabled

People with disabilities

Children with disabilities

Invalid/Cripple

Severely disabled

Disabilities

Suffers from

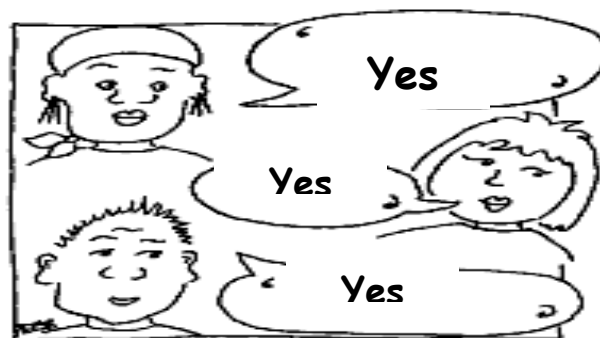
Mental illness/mental health problems

Mentally handicapped

Learning disabilities

The deaf

The blind



## Appropriate Use

Disabled people

Disabled people

Disabled children

Disabled person

High Support Needs

Impairments (or state actual medical condition)

Has, living with (state medical condition)

Living with a mental health problem or diagnosis, survivor of the mental health system or being referred to by name is preferred.

People with learning difficulties

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Deaf people/hard of hearing people (specify which group) or hearing impaired people

Blind people/partially sighted people (specify which group) or visually impaired people

Deaf and Dumb	Deaf without speech
Deaf and blind	A person with dual sensory loss or who is Deafblind
Care	Personal assistance/personal support
Carers (only to be used when the individual disabled person cannot make decisions for her/himself)	Family members, relatives and friends
Carers (meaning paid home carers)	Personal assistants/support workers
Special needs	Specific needs or requirements (state what these are)
Disabled toilet	Accessible toilet
Disabled parking	Orange/Blue Badge holder parking
Wheelchair accessible	Wheelchair/scooter user or accessible to wheelchair/scooter users
For wheelchairs	For wheelchair users

