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Tips for Communicating with People who have Learning Disabilities

Learning disabilities are lifelong disorders that interfere with a person's ability to receive, express or process information. Many people who have learning disabilities are of average or higher intelligence.

ASK the person how you can best relay information.

It may be easier for the person to function in a quiet environment without distractions.

- **People with dyslexia or other reading disabilities can have trouble reading written information. Give them verbal explanations and allow extra time for reading.**
- **A person who has a learning disability such as an auditory processing disorder may need information demonstrated or in writing.**
- **Be direct with your communication. A person with a learning disability may have trouble grasping subtleties.**