

# Tips For Interacting with a person with a...



## Learning Disability

Be accommodating if you tell someone very simple instructions and the person requests that you write them down. Because spoken information gets “scrambled” as he listens, a person who has a learning disability such as auditory processing disorder may need information demonstrated or in writing.

If you suspect someone has a learning disability, do not ask them to read or write in front of others; offer to read written material aloud when necessary.

Do not assume the person is not listening just because you are not receiving any verbal or visual feedback. Ask the person whether or not they understand or agree.

People with dyslexia or other reading disabilities have trouble reading written information. Give them verbal explanations and allow extra time for reading.

Ask the person how you can best relay information. Be direct in your communication. A person with a learning disability may have trouble grasping subtleties.

Do not assume you have to explain everything to people with learning disabilities—they do not necessarily have a problem with general comprehension.

It may be easier for the person to work in a quiet environment without distractions, such as a radio playing, people moving around or loudly patterned curtains.