

Glossary

Grades K-3

Access: A way of entering, exiting or communicating.

Accomplishment: Something that someone has done or finished.

Adopted: To be taken in by someone's family as their own child.

Advocate: To speak, plead, or argue in favor of something.

Annoying: To disturb or irritate repeatedly.

Applause: Approval shown especially by clapping hands.

Appropriate: Especially suitable or fitting in a situation.

ASL (American Sign Language): The form of communication with the hands used by people who are deaf.

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Audiologist: Someone who studies the branch of science concerned with hearing and the treatment of people who are deaf.

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Autism: A disorder that someone has. People with Autism sometimes have problems interacting and talking with other people and do things over and over again.

Balance: When something is equal and steady.

Bleak: Very plain or ordinary.

Braille: A system of writing and reading for people who are blind where letters are represented by raised dots. People who are blind use their fingertips to feel these dots.

Canine: A word for dog.

Cerebral Palsy: A disability because of damage to the brain before a baby is born or during birth. Sometimes a person with Cerebral Palsy has difficulty controlling their muscles and with speaking.

Chair Caning: Weaving the seat of a chair with a woody grass.

Choreographer: Someone who creates dances.

Cobblestone Path: A stone sidewalk.

Communicate: When someone gives information to other people about what they are feeling or thinking.

Companion: A person or animal that is always with another person or animal.

Complicated: When something is very difficult to understand or complete.

Deaf: Unable to hear.

Devices: Pieces of equipment that serve a special purpose.

Disability: When someone has difficulty doing certain things.

Disobedience: The refusal to follow directions.

Distinguish: To know or point out a difference.

Domestic: Doing things inside or around the house, for example, chores.

Dummy: A mean word that people use as an insult when they think someone is not very smart.

Foster Puppy Raiser: A person who takes care of and trains a puppy that will be given to someone else with a disability or who is blind.

Frustrating: When someone keeps trying to do something but is not successful at finishing it.

Fussy: Someone who is hard to make happy.

Golden Retriever: A type of dog that has golden colored fur.

Guide Dog: A dog trained to lead a person who is blind.

Handicapped: A word that was once used to describe someone who had a physical disability.

Hearing Aids: Pieces of equipment that a person wears in or around their ears to help them understand sounds.

High Pitches: A sound that is very high or hard to hear.

Impairments: When something does not work the way it is supposed to. For example, a person with a hearing impairment has trouble hearing.

Impatient: Being eager and not wanting to wait.

Injured: When someone is injured, they have suffered or have had some kind of pain.

Institute: To set up or begin.

Intelligent: The ability to deal with new situations and solve problems.

Interpreter: A person who translates words for someone who can not hear or who speaks a different language.

Lecture Circuit: To talk about a specific topic to a specific group of people.

Lectured: A talk that someone has given to an audience, class, or person.

Mermaid: A pretend sea creature that has a woman's body and a fish's tail.

Microphones: Instruments that make sounds louder.

Mischievous: Playful in a teasing way that is sometimes troublesome or irritating.

Muscle Control: Having power over the body tissue that is in charge of moving parts of the body such as the arms, legs, and mouth.

Muscles: A body tissue made up of long cells that produce motion.

Negro: A word that was once used to describe someone who is black.

Nestling: A baby bird that is close and snug in his nest.

Patent Office: A place that gives an official document granting a right or privilege. When someone invents something, they get a patent saying they invented it so no one can take their idea.

People with Disabilities: People that have some tasks that are difficult to complete.

Performances: A public presentation such as a character in a play.

Physical Therapist: A person who helps people get better after an injury.

Polio: A virus that caused people to lose muscle and not be able to move.

Priest: A person who has the authority to lead or perform religious ceremonies.

Punctuation Mark: A symbol used in writing to make words easier to read. A period is a punctuation mark.

Awl: A pointed tool for marking surfaces or for making small holes in leather or wood.

Ramp: A sloping passage or roadway that connects different levels.

Raphigraphy: A system invented by Louis Braille that represented the alphabet with large print dots.

Rehabilitator: Someone who helps people become healthy and able to work again after an injury.

Rehearsals: A private practice session to get ready for a public audience.

Retrieve: To get and bring back, for example, a dog might retrieve a stick.

Salamander: An amphibian that is covered with smooth moist skin and looks like a lizard.

Service Dog: A dog that is trained to help a person with a disability in daily life.

Sign Language: A way of communicating by using hand and arm movements.

Sonography: Using sound waves to make a picture of a body organ.

Speech Therapists: Someone who helps people with speaking disorders learn to communicate with mouth exercises.

Spina Bifida: Spina Bifida is a disability beginning at birth that causes problems with a person's spinal cord.

Spinal Cord: A cord of tissue that starts from the brain and goes down the back. The spinal cord helps control reflexes.

Spine: A series of small bones, called vertebrae, that protects the spinal cord.

Therapies: The treatment of an illness or disability.

Translator: Someone who changes one language into another so that other people can understand what is being said.

Tuberculosis: A very contagious disease of the lungs that causes someone to cough, have a fever and chest pain, and to lose weight.

Unique: Something that is the only one of its kind. For example, each person is unique because no one is exactly alike.

Upholstery Nails: Nails that hold the fabric of furniture in place.

Vaudeville: Theatrical entertainment made up of many songs, dances, and comic acts.

Vibrations: A rapid motion that can be felt without being heard.

Vocational: Vocational means having to do with the training in a skill or trade that will be someone's career.

Wheelchair: A chair with wheels that helps people who are injured, sick, or have a disability get around.

Wood Working: The act of making something out of wood.

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