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Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement

EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE

SAY:	INSTEAD OF:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with disabilities. • He has a cognitive disability. • She has autism • He has Downs Syndrome. • She has a learning disability. • He has a physical disability. • She's of short stature/she's a little person. • He has an emotional/mental health disability. • She uses a wheelchair/mobility chair. • He receives special education services. • Typical kids or kids without disabilities. • Congenital disability. • Brain injury. • Accessible parking, hotel room, etc • She needs... or she uses... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The handicapped or disabled. • He's mentally retarded. • She's autistic. • He's Downs. • She's learning disabled. • He's a quadriplegic/crippled. • She's a dwarf/midget. • He's emotionally disturbed. • She's wheelchair bound/confined to a wheelchair. • He's in special education. • Normal or healthy kids. • Birth defect. • Brain damaged. • Handicapped parking, hotel room, etc • She has a problem with...

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