

*LANGUAGE IS NOT INSIGNIFICANT. IT IS THE MAIN VEHICLE BY WHICH WE COMMUNICATE. THE MORE WE USE IT CORRECTLY, THE FARTHER IT WILL TAKE US IN THE DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO.*

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**Terms UNACCEPTABLE  
to the Disabled community**

afflicted  
confined to a wheelchair  
crazy, insane  
cripple, cripp  
deaf and dumb  
deaf mute  
defective  
deformed  
different  
dysfunctional  
gimp  
invalid  
lame  
maimed  
mongoloid idiot  
not normal  
poor unfortunate  
retard  
Spastic, spaz  
Strange  
Stricked  
Victim  
Wheelchair bound  
Withered  
Handicapped?  
Gifted?

**Terms ACCEPTABLE  
to the Disabled Community**

blind  
deaf  
developmentally disabled  
differently able  
person with a disability  
hearing impaired  
mental/emotionally disabled  
mobility impaired  
multi-disabled  
non-disabled  
person with AIDS/cancer/  
cerebral palsy, etc  
physically challenged  
seizure  
temporarily able  
temporarily disabled  
visually impaired wheelchair  
user gifted?

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