

Your Words Our Image

Don't Say

Differently abled, challenged

The disabled

Slow learner

Quad

Autistic

Mongoloid

Midget

Burn victim

Handicapped parking

Blind

Alcoholic

Brain damaged

Polio

Confined to a wheelchair

Hare lip

Fit, attack

Mute, dumb

Birth defect

Mental retardation

Normal, able-bodied

Deaf-mute, the hearing impaired

Do Say

Disability

People with disabilities

Person with a learning disability

Person with quadriplegia

Person with autism

Person with Down syndrome

Person of short stature

Burn survivor

Accessible parking

Visually impaired

Alcohol dependent

Brain injury

Post-polio syndrome

Uses a wheelchair

Cleft lip

Seizure

Speech disorder

Congenital disability

Intellectual disability

Nondisabled

Deaf, hard of hearing



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