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## Tips for Communicating with People who have Learning Disabilities

Learning disabilities are lifelong disorders that interfere with a person's ability to receive, express or process information. Many people who have learning disabilities are of average or higher intelligence.

**ASK the person how you can best relay information.**

It may be easier for the person to function in a quiet environment without distractions.

- **People with dyslexia or other reading disabilities can have trouble reading written information. Give them verbal explanations and allow extra time for reading.**
- **A person who has a learning disability such as an auditory processing disorder may need information demonstrated or in writing.**
- **Be direct with your communication. A person with a learning disability may have trouble grasping subtleties.**