

Exercise Three

How disabled people are addressed is very important. The language we use to describe disability has an enormous impact on the way disabled people are perceived and treated. Using negative words only adds to the negative ideas and thoughts that people have about disabled people.

Using the table below, think about the words and decide whether these are positive or negative and find a positive alternative.

Words	Positive
The Disabled Invalid Cripple / Handicapped	
Retarded	
Suffers from	
Mentally-handicapped	
The Deaf	
The Blind	
Disabled Toilet Disabled Parking Disabled entrance	
Wheelchair bound	
Mental/crazy	