

# Equalities Tutor Time: What is Disability?

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# Big think



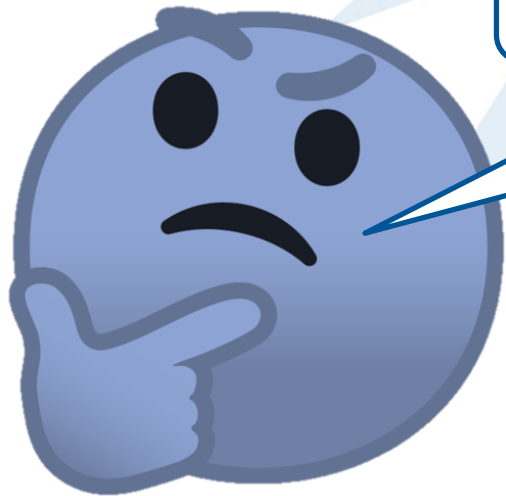
What creates  
disability?

# Did you think of...

- Accidents
- Illness
- Genetics
- Chance
- ...The way that the world is designed?
- ...The attitudes of some people towards disability?

Did you know, some people talk about impairment and disability – the impairment is the part of your body that makes things more difficult – but with the right world and support around you, that doesn't need to be so disabling!

This year at Fullbrook we are focusing on learning more about disability and related topics, and how ablism (discrimination against disabled people) creates problems for everyone.



So what is disability?

# FIRST OF ALL... let's acknowledge:

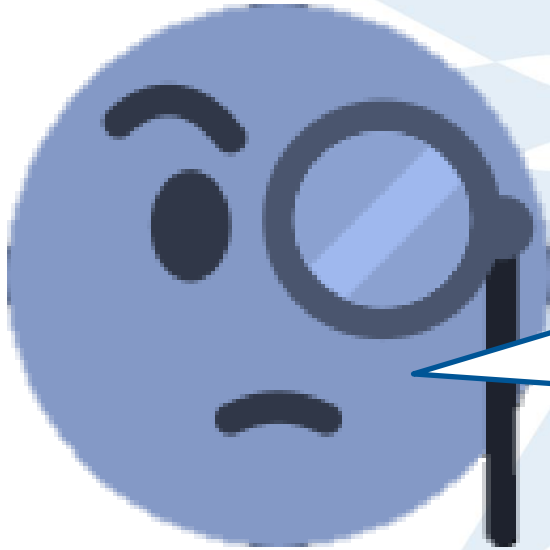
Disability is complicated and personal, and means different things to different people.



Unsurprisingly, as people with disabilities make up 10% of the global population, not everyone in that group agrees on everything! So we will have a little look at some perspectives, and aim to learn more about a range of disabilities and experiences across the year.

Question: 10% is one in every 10 people! Why do you think the rest of the population seems to know little about disability?

# The British Government defines disability as...



...if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do 'normal' daily activities.

This is quite a general definition, from the Equalities Act 2010. What sort of conditions could be covered under it?

# Watch and think!



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How does this information help to deepen our understanding from the last slide?

# Do you know any types of disability? Let's share what we already know!



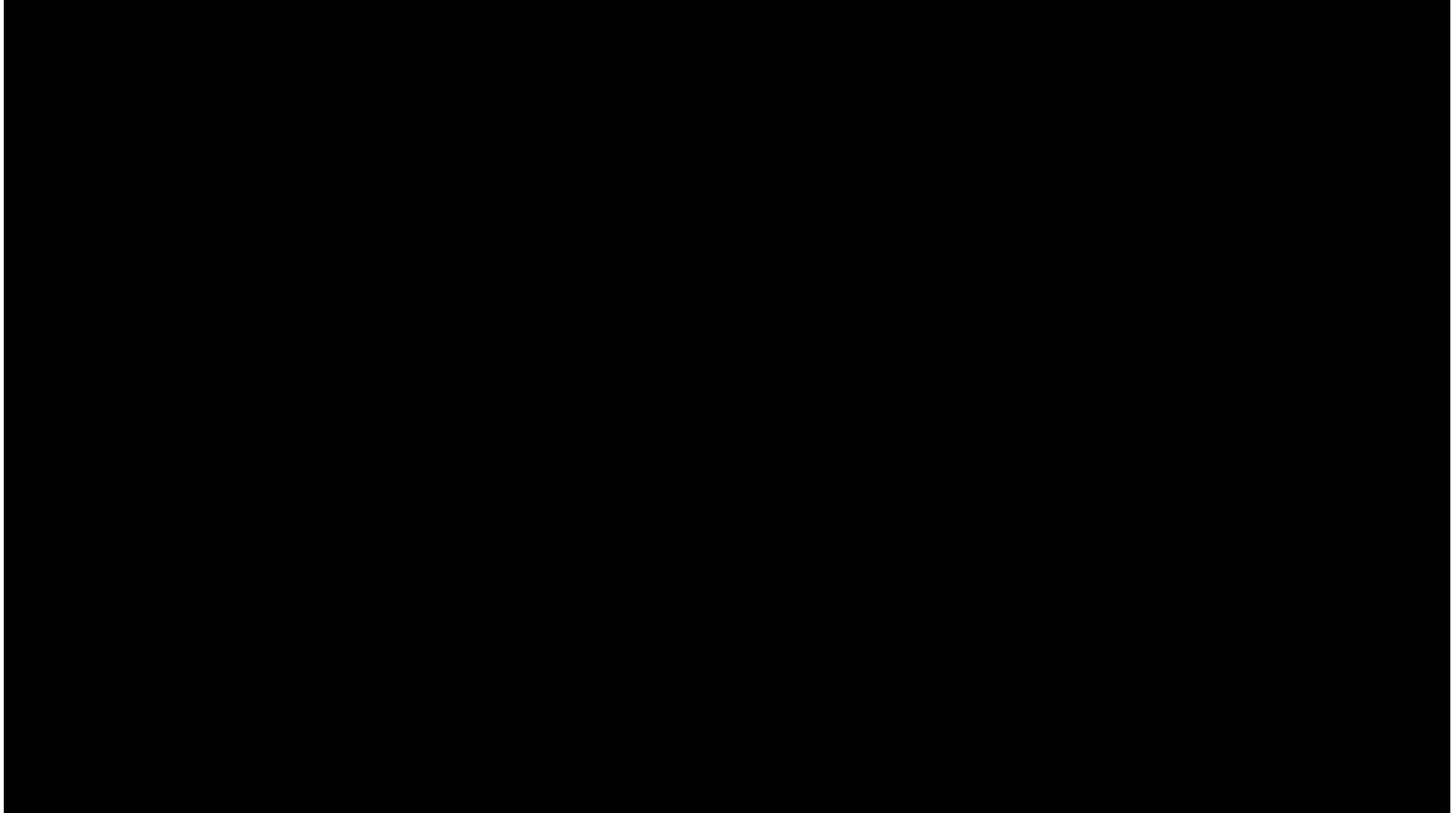
Can you always  
tell if someone  
has a disability?

Are there some  
that are more  
well known than  
others?

Why do you think  
there is so much  
misunderstanding  
about disability?



# Watch and think



<https://youtu.be/0e24rfTZ2CQ>

Here we see people talking about how the world can be just as disabling for someone as the impairment they have. Why is it important to understand this?

# Reflect and discuss

How would you explain disability to anyone who missed this session?

Did the video or any of this information make you think about anything differently? If so, what?

Across the year, we will be learning more about lots of different disabilities. Are there any particular disabilities you think we need to know more about in school? Let your tutor know and they can email your feedback to Ms Sauer!