

What is Disability?

A person has a disability when their body and mind work differently to other person because of something that has happened in their brain or body. A person with disability may be different in many ways...

- ...in the way they move around
- ...in the way they see
- ...in the way they hear
- ...in the way they talk or communicate
- ...in the way they think, learn and understand

A person might be born with a disability, or they might get the disability after an accident or illness, or acquire it as they age.

Disability is permanent – it doesn't go away like a flu or a headache, and people with disability may be very healthy just like you or me, but still need to use a wheelchair.

People can live happy and full lives **with their disability**, especially when their families and communities support them to live full and contributing lives. See "Maria's Story" for an example!

