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EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE

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SAY THIS:

People with disabilities

People without disabilities
typical

Person who has (been diagnosed with)

Person who has autism

Person who has Down Syndrome

Person with a physical disability

Person who is unable to speak verbally

Person with a learning disability

Person diagnosed with a cognitive disability,

Student who receives SPED services

Person who uses a wheelchair

Accessible parking, bathrooms, etc.

NOT THIS:

the handicapped, the
disabled

normal, healthy, whole,

person who suffers
from, is afflicted by...

autistic

Downs person

cripple, handicapped

mute, dumb

learning disabled

mentally retarded, slow
or with an intellectual
or developmental
disability

special ed student,
special education
student

wheelchair bound,
confined to a
wheelchair

handicapped parking,
bathrooms, etc.