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**ARTICLE OF THE WEEK**

# GUESS THE ARTICLE

These pictures provide a clue to this week's article.

Can you guess how they are linked together? Which article of the Convention do these pictures relate to?

Write down your thoughts or discuss with someone in your home.



Accessible Icon Project



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# INTRODUCING... ARTICLE 23



CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES

Gerry introduces Article 23 - Children with a disability



**Article 23 - A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity, and as far as possible, independence, and to play an active part in their community.**

Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

[Watch Gerry on YouTube](#)


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# CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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What can schools do to support pupils who have a disability?

*The Convention says: “Children must be supported, included, listened to and involved in decisions about their education.*

*“A disability is a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term negative effect on your ability to do daily activities.”*

**Note down your thoughts and compare with the next slide.**

# HOW MANY OF THESE DID YOU GET?

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- Make sure the building is physically accessible (ramps and lifts for example)
- Work with specialist services to meet the needs of the child such as accessible buildings, specialist equipment or audio descriptions.
- Make lessons and activities accessible for all (easy read, sign language, Braille)
- Have quiet, calm and relaxing spaces such as a nurture room
- Use special equipment such as a microphone or hearing loop
- Listen to the child and help them to be included – every child is unique
- Work together and create a plan – making sure the child is heard
- Have toilets that are accessible
- Make sure all children can enjoy the playground

# ACTIVITY TIME

All these activities are related to...



You don't need to do every single activity but if you have time you can do more than one.

What does disability mean to you? Do you know anyone who has a disability? How does your school help people with disabilities? Write down a list and talk to your friends about it.

Winnie has cerebral palsy and she enjoys horse riding. Do you have any hobbies? Write a letter to tell Winnie about the hobbies that you enjoy doing and maybe you have some questions for her. Watch Winnie tell her story [here](#).



Some children can't use their hands to do things like drawing and painting. Watch this video and have a look at some art created by artists using only their mouth or feet. Have a go at [painting this hedgehog \(or anything else\)](#) with either your mouth or feet.

Article 23 says that children have the right to live a "full and decent life with dignity". Do you know what dignity is? Ask someone what they think it means or look it up and talk to someone about it.

# ACTIVITY TIME

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How would you feel if you couldn't join in with games in the playground? What should a playground that can be used by everyone look like? Draw a picture and share with your friends. Have a look at [this comic](#).

Find out about a [Paralympic sport](#) that interests you and find a way to show your findings in something like a story, poster, PowerPoint or drawing.

It is important that a child with a disability is included and treated with respect. Watch [this video](#) and listen to Phoebe who has Cerebral Palsy share her story about the importance of being included and involved in everything she wants to do. Think about what you would ask Phoebe or what you would want to talk to Phoebe about.

Sign language is a way of communicating using your hands, mostly used by people with loss of hearing. Have a look at this website and see if you can learn some [sign language](#). Teach what you learn to a friend or with someone in your household. Maybe even share a video with your teachers. You could also try this one for [animals/alphabet](#).



# REFLECTION

**Try to find somewhere peaceful and spend a few minutes being quiet and still... then think about these questions...**

- What do you do in your own life to respect the rights of disabled children to live a full and decent life with dignity?
- Is your local playpark accessible for children with disabilities? If not, what can you do to help improve things?

**Write down your thoughts and if you want, share this back with your teacher, friends or family.**





# EXTENSION

- Rights are universal and unconditional. Which other articles from the CRC link to rights for disabled children?
- Watch [this video](#) on the Social Model of Disability. Explain the ways could your school or community be organised to provide more independence, accessibility and opportunity to people with a disability?

You can find a summary of the whole Convention [here](#)



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