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Assistive Device Research Sheet **Answer Key**

NOTE: Many of these questions have more than one answer. Thus, these are example answers.

1. What is a disability?
A disability is a physical or mental handicap or condition that limits a person's movements, senses or activities.
2. How do disabilities affect humans?
They often prevent a person from living a full, normal life or from holding a job and being independent.
3. Define: assist.
To give support, aid or help.
4. What is an assistive device?
An assistive device is something designed or adapted to help people with physical, developmental or other disorders to perform actions, tasks and activities.
5. List three assistive devices.
Examples: eyeglasses, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, hearing aids.
6. How do assistive devices help humans?
Assistive devices can help persons with disabilities perform many activities of daily living or other things that they would not normally be able to do.
7. Define: activity of daily living (ADL).
An ADL is any routine or task that people tend to do every day without needing assistance.
8. List three ADLs.
Cooking and feeding yourself, getting dressed, cleaning yourself.
9. Define: custom made.
Made for an individual or to a certain individual's specifications.
10. Why are some things custom made?
Some things are custom made because everyone is different and not every product or item that people use can be fit or used by everyone.