**Example Answers**
Note: Many of these questions have more than one correct answer. Example answers are provided.

### Assistive Device Project Research Handout

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?**
   Disabilities can prevent people from living full, normal lives or holding jobs.

3. **Define: assist**
   To give support or aid; help

4. **What is an assistive device?**
   An assistive device is anything designed or adapted to help people with physical or emotional disorders to perform actions, tasks and activities.

5. **List three examples of assistive devices.**
   Eyeglasses, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, hearing aids.

6. **How do assistive devices help people?**
   Assistive devices can help persons with disabilities perform many activities of daily living or other activities that they would normally be unable to do.

7. **Define: activity of daily living (ADL)**
   An ADL is any routine or task that people tend to do regularly or every day without needing assistance from other people.

8. **List three ADLs.**
   Cooking and feeding yourself, getting dressed, cleaning yourself.

9. **Define: custom made**
   Made specifically for an individual or to a certain individual’s specifications.

10. **Why are some things custom made?**
    Some items are custom made because each is different and not every product or item that people use can be fit or used by different people.