

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.