















AUTISTIC PERSON VS. PERSON WITH AUTISM

- THIS CHART SHOWS HOW LANGUAGE IS USED FOR VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS.
- IDENTITY-FIRST LANGUAGE IS USUALLY USED FOR ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE A PROUD PART OF ONE'S IDENTITY.
- PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE IS USUALLY USED FOR ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE UNDESIRABLE. THE CONDITION IS PLACED LAST TO EMPHASIZE THE PERSON OVER THE CONDITION.
- THE PREFERRED LANGUAGE IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL. SOME PEOPLE SEE IT AS AN EQUAL BUT DIFFERENT NEUROTYPED. OTHERS SEE IT AS A MEDICAL CONDITION OR DISORDER.
- THE LANGUAGE YOU USE SIGNALS TO OTHERS HOW YOU SEE AUTISM, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF IDENTITY OR AS A CIRCUMSTANCE THE PERSON HAS TO DEAL WITH.
- MOST AUTISTICS PREFER IDENTITY-FIRST LANGUAGE AND BE REFERRED TO AS AUTISTIC PERSONS, RATHER THAN PERSONS WITH AUTISM.

IDENTITY-FIRST LANGUAGE		PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE
 GAY	PERSON	WITH GAYNESS 
 TRANS	PERSON	WITH TRANS-NESS 
 BLACK	PERSON	WITH BLACKNESS 
 DEPRESSED	PERSON	WITH DEPRESSION 
 CANCEROUS	PERSON	WITH CANCER 
 INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED	PERSON	WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY 
 AUTISTIC	PERSON	WITH AUTISM 