Communicating With and About People with
Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act, other laws and the efforts of many disability organizations have made
strides in improving accessibility in buildings, increasing access to education, opening employment
opportunities and developing realistic portrayals of persons with disabilities in television programming and
motion pictures. Where progress is still needed is in communication and interaction with people with
disabilities. Individuals are sometimes concerned that they will say the wrong thing, so they say nothing at
all
—thus further segregating people with disabilities. Listed here are some suggestions on how to relate to
and communicate with and about people with disabilities.

Words
Positive la

Actions
Etiquette considered appropriate when interacting with people with disabilities is based primarily on respect
and courtesy. Outlined below are tips to help you in communicating with persons with disabilities.

General Tips for Communicating with People with Disabilities

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