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Deafblindness and Accessible Communication Today



Deafblindness definition → a unique, combined vision and hearing disability. It limits activities of a person and restricts full participation in society to such a degree, that society is required to facilitate specific services, environmental alterations and/or technology

- a specific disability
- a diverse group



1. With residual hearing:

- Speech technology
- Screen reader
- Amplification



2. With residual sight

- Enlarging software
- Good contrast
- Importance of good lighting



3. Without hearing and sight

- Touch and braille
- I-phone via Bluetooth connection with brailledisplay
- OCR software
- Braille printers
- Speech to text interpretation
- Morse?



Important!

- Design for all
- Education of designers of websites
- Easy to read manuals
- Cooperation with developers of screen readers



Expectations:

- Improvement of the speech to text apps
- Apps describing the environment and photos
- Robot guide dog
- Self riding cars



Thank you!