

# LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

## A FEW NOTES ON ( GENERAL LEARNING DIFFICULTIES )

They may have problems with expression:-

- 1) Their speech may be unintelligible.
- 2) They may not have the vocabulary to communicate in their new surroundings
- 3) You may not understand their attempts at non-verbal communication.

Comprehension:- generally they will live in the present & may have little or no understanding of time , whether past or future.

They may have the following.

- 1) Limited vocabulary, which only relates to their everyday activities.
- 2) Limited short term memory.
- 3) Poor attention span.
- 4) Poor recognition of sequencing.
- 5) Poor sound discrimination.
- 6) Possible hearing problems.

### Special Problems of Slow Learners

- 1) They have a short attention span & must have relaxation time.
- 2) Attention seeking & apprehension both produce excessive talking. It is worth noting here that sometimes laughter is an expression of anxiety & fear not always enjoyment!!
- 3) They do not understand negatives.
- 4) They do not learn sequences easily.
- 5) They may misunderstand some adjectives ( first, last, middle. )
- 6) They do not understand comparative ( larger longer bigger )
- 7) They give words a literal meaning ( raining cats & dogs )
- 8) One word sound has one meaning ( rein rain )
- 9) They have difficulty discriminating between words that sound similar ( watch wash )