

People First Language Listening Guide

Rate Your Knowledge of People First Language (circle your response)

- 0 - I have never heard of People First Language
- 1 - I have some knowledge of People First Language
- 2 - I have a good understanding of People First Language

Define: People First Language?

People First Language represents more _____, accurate ways of communicating with and about individuals with disabilities.

People First Language emphasizes the _____, not the disability.

Why is it important to use People First Language when referring to individuals with disabilities?

Language influences:

- how people perceive each other
- how people perceive _____

Reframing to People First Language

When reframing our language, the meaning behind the phrase _____, but the _____ is different.

Characteristics of People First Language:

- Acknowledges person _____ the disability
- Describes what _____ a person _____ but not as who that person "is"
- Avoids descriptors that perpetuate negative _____
- Expresses the _____ rather than the "problems"

Reframe the "typical descriptors" and make them People First Language. Record your responses in the space provided.

People First Language	Typical Descriptions
	"LaToya is a LAA1 student"
	"Miguel is mentally disturbed."
	"Clay is confined to a wheelchair this year."
	"The school has made additional spaces for handicapped parking."

Rate Your School (circle your response)

- 1 – Everyone uses People First Language with students, families and colleagues
- 2 – For the most part, everyone uses People First Language
- 3 – People First Language is not a priority; however, everyone attempts to use respectful language when referring to individuals with disabilities
- 4 – Typical descriptors are used frequently when referring to students with disabilities
- 5 – Typical descriptors are used most of the time when referring to students with disabilities

How can I do as a teacher to help spread the message of People First Language?

- _____ your students People First Language - pledge
- Share with _____ (watch webinar at www.lasped.org under Inclusive Practices -- Webinars --- 2015-2016)
- Model People First Language with your co-workers, students and _____
- Model People First Language during meetings
- Invite _____ speakers to your class
- Help ensure your school’s written documents support PFL
- Have students bring in examples and non-examples of People First Language used in the _____ and in the media (web, newspaper, magazine)
- Practice!

Think about other ways you can share People First Language with co-teachers, administrators, and families and write your responses in the box below.

