

Easy English:

A critical addition to Universal Design for Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday.



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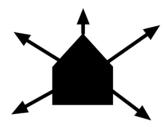


## In this presentation

What is Easy English?



• Who?

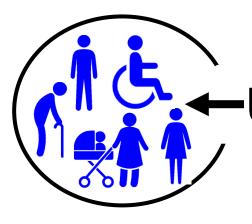


Where?



When?





←Universal Design

- 1. Equitable Use
- 2. Flexibility in Use
- 3. Simple and Intuitive Use
- 4. Perceptible Information
- 5. Tolerance for Error
- 6. Low Physical Effort
- 7. Size and Space for Approach and Use.









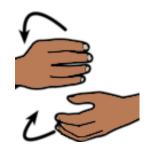




## Universal Design





















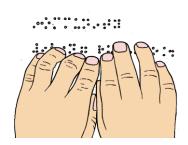


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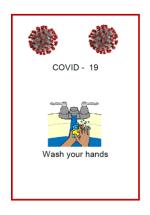








## ∠ What is Easy English?



Written information

For the audience

- Using their every day words
- Simple sentence structure
- Supported with every day clear images



#### OECD, PIAAC 2013, 2016, 2019. Australian Literacy



www.abs.gov.au #4228

16-65 year olds.

Does not include

- ATSI people
- People in institutions







# Almost 9 out of 10 adults in

# remote NT Indigenous communities lack basic literacy skills

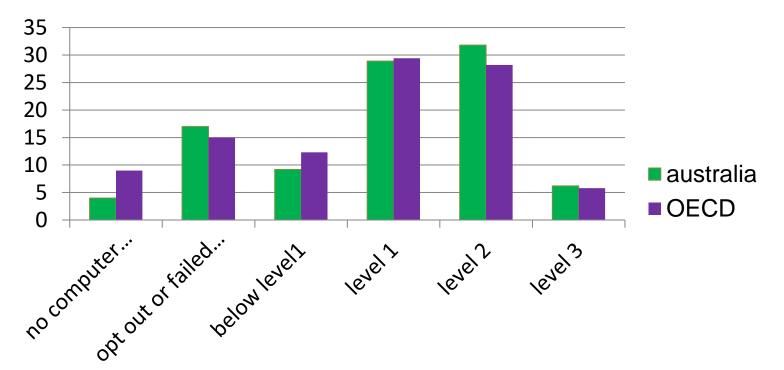
Charles Darwin University http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-12



# Problem Solving in a technology rich (computer) environment PIAAC, 2013

#### Australia

% of adult population 15-65 yrs





## Accessing the internet by age. 2011 and 2015







## Human Rights

Universal Declaration of Human Rights.1948
 Article 19

 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability. 2006
 Article 21





## United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability. 2006

- 2. Definition of Communication
- 9. Accessibility
- 12. Equal recognition before the law
- 21. Saying what you want and access to information.













9. Access















Plan together.

Talk to people with disability about

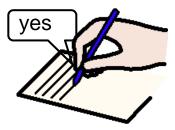
- how they move about in places they go
- how they find information
- where they get information.



Build ramps for wheelchairs and walking frames.

- Like
- building doorways
- trains
- shopping centres.





Write information with every day words.



Use sign language.

Use sign interpreters.



Signs must be in

easy to read



Braille.





#### More on

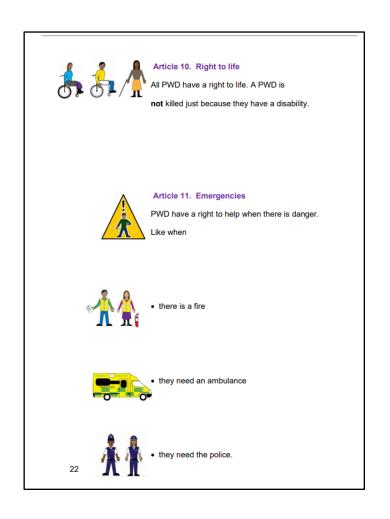
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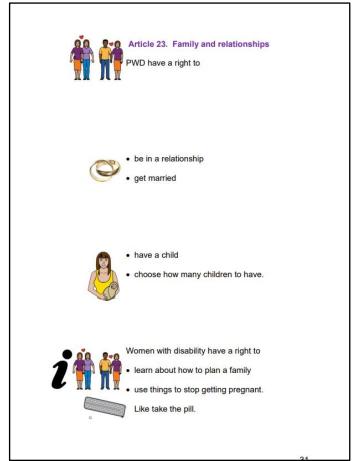
- 10. Right to life
- 11. Emergencies
- 13. Access to Justice
- 19. Independent living and being a part of the community
- 25. Health
- 26. Education and 27. Work
- 30. Sport and leisure
- 28. Standards of living
- 29. Being involved in politics



### Women with Disability Australia

#### UNCRPD www.oursite.wwda.org.au















Who do you need to engage with?





- acquired disabilities
- lifelong disabilities
- poor educational outcomes
- psychiatric or mental illness
- dyslexia
- early school leavers
- older people
- different cultural backgrounds
- hearing impaired and/or people from the Deaf community.







#### and



- sick or ill
- time poor
- stressed
- caring for other people.

- tourists
- people on working visas
- people on student visas.





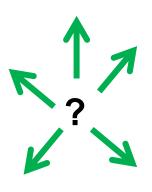


# Youth justice perspectives on their own literacy and communication skills

- Yeah I like get mixed up with my words
- I don't like, like my response ain't right good. Like, I just like, argue more, put it across.
- Me writing it just looks messy
- I just read, I read like you know the paper. I just read in brief bits in that

2015 Thomas Hopkins, Judy Clegg and Joy Stackhouse International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders





# Who else is the audience? Where are they?

45 yr old woman.

Married

Works 5 days a week as

carer

Mild intellectual disability

79 yr old retired Principal

Retired prior to computers being

day to day use

Basic email; No internet searching

42 yr man works as a cleaner

Married

Poor education; Reading skills

minimal

70 yr old woman; Retired teacher

Stroke 3 yrs ago

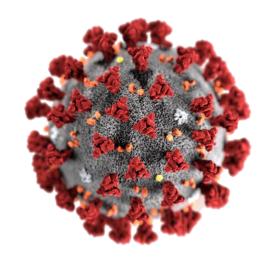
Needs to access health, legal and

support services











State governments

**Australian Government** 

Local governments

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#### Who is **your** audience?

Person who pays the bill??

 People who use the accessible environment or place??





#### My audience

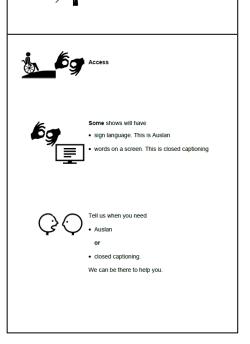
#### Easy English

Everyone can benefit from access to Easy English

Some people can benefit more....







# City of Perth<br/>WinterFest







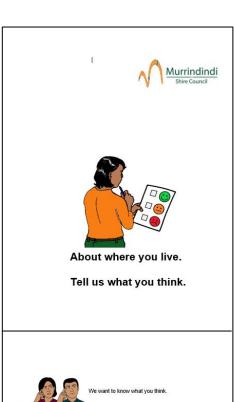
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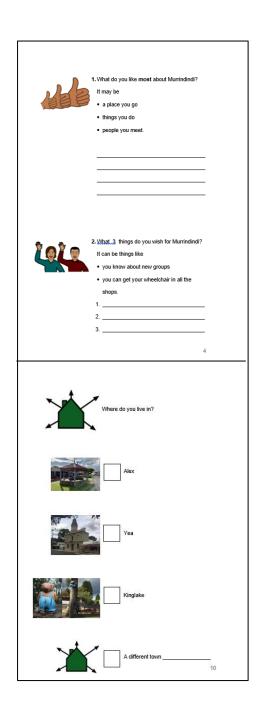






#### Murrindindi Shire

Shaping our future survey 2021







#### Access to information

#### It is a part of Universal Design



 Plan Easy English at the beginning of your project.

Do not leave it as an after thought.





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