Word Power

The issue of language, disablement and disabled people is important. Much of the language we use is crystallised in past ideas and attitude towards disabled people.

Look at the following word and phrases and indicate whether they imply a positive, negative or neutral image.

Wheelchair-bound positive / neutral / negative

The disabled positive / neutral / negative

People with disabilities positive / neutral / negative

Disabled person positive / neutral / negative

Deaf People positive / neutral / negative

Crippled positive / neutral / negative

Invalid positive / neutral / negative

Person with cerebral palsy positive / neutral / negative

Spastic positive / neutral/ negative

People with learning difficulties positive / neutral / negative

Mentally handicapped positive / neutral / negative

Handicapped positive / neutral / negative

The blind positive / neutral / negative

Blind people positive / neutral / negative

Mongoloid positive / neutral / negative

Person with Downs Syndrome positive / neutral / negative

Mental positive / neutral / negative

Mental Health System User positive / neutral / negative