

Course: Advance

Impact Issues Level 1

Day №23

Do you know anyone who's blind?



VOCABULARY

feel sorry for

disabled

treat

PWDs (persons with disabilities)



Situation: A blind man, David Henry, is talking about being blind and how people treat him. Listen to his story:

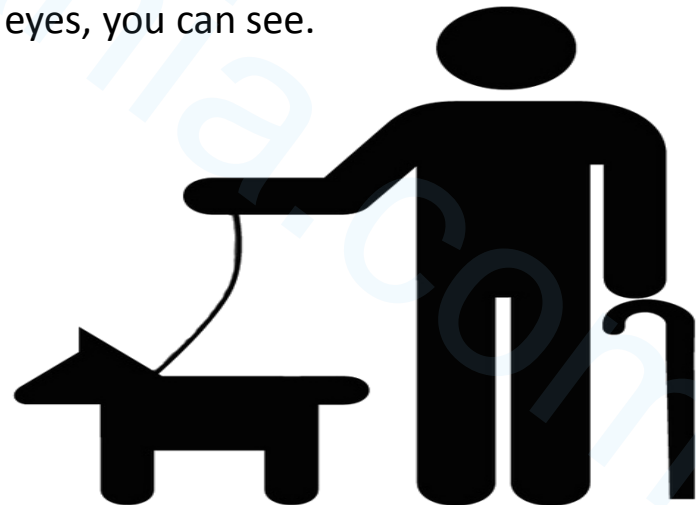
“Close you eyes and see.” That’s what I tell young children when they ask me how it is to be blind. I say to them, “Just close your eyes and tell me what you see.”

Well, of course, when you close you eyes, you can’t really see. But when you close your eyes, you’re still you. Right? You’re still a real person. You haven’t changed. When you can’t see, you can still feel the world around you. You can talk, you can listen, and you can walk. You can stand up, sit down, eat, drink. And you can laugh, cry, love and hate.

Many non-blind people-people who can see-think and act as though I’m not a real person. Just yesterday my friend and I were at a restaurant. The waiter wanted to ask what I wanted to eat! He didn’t ask me. Why? Did he think that I can’t hear? I can’t talk? That I’m stupid? Things like that happen to me all the time. see.

“People who are disabled-people who are blind or can’t hear or can’t walk or talk-we are all real people. We don’t want people to feel sorry for us. We want people to understand that we are real people first.

So, to help you understand this, close your eyes. That’s right. Close them. Now keep them closed as long as you can. Are you still the same person? Do you have the same feelings? The same brain? Of course! Do you understand? Now that you have closed your eyes, you can see.



Grammar Patterns:

I am (not) comfortable with....

Being _____ makes me feel _____.



Opinion Gap



How do you feel about David's story?

If you were David, how would you want other people to act around you? Feel about you?

Do you think people treat persons with disabilities fairly? Why or why not?



What do you think?

Read the different opinions. With whom do you agree the most?



Iris:

I'm not really comfortable around
Disabled people.

agree or disagree



Shingo:

We need to help disabled people
Whenever we see them.

agree or disagree



Mark:

Everyone will be disabled someday, so we should
Respect the rights of the disabled.

agree or disagree

Grammar Patterns:

Ask me for my opinion by using the key expressions below:

How do you feel about _____?

What do you think of _____?



Mock Interview

You're a journalist and you're working on a documentary on the rights of people with disabilities.

You're going to interview me, a person who was born blind and crippled.

What questions would you ask me?



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***