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Chapter 9 (People with Disabilities)
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Story A

Hi Hana,

Today, I will **1)** _____ the school where I work. The school is located in the northern part of the city surrounded by beautiful nature. We often go to a nearby forest and lake for classes.

The school has **2)** _____ students ranging from 6 to 14 years of age. Among these students, **3)** _____ children have minor to more serious disabilities. Our aim is to have an inclusive school where students with and without disabilities study together.

Yesterday we had our annual sports day. We planned the events **4)** _____ so that all the students could take part. Adam won the gold medal in a walking race. He is twelve years old and has **5)** _____ because he had meningitis when he was young. Adam looked very happy and proud of his achievement.

Our role in the school is to encourage the students to increase their self-confidence and **6)** _____. In order to achieve this, we give them as many chances as possible during their school days. We always help them reach their potential and **7)** _____ help them too much. Our goal is that people, with and without disabilities, can live **8)** “ _____ ” and happy lives, making the most of their own abilities.



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Story B

I think that many kinds of disabilities only become apparent because of the environment, not because of the individual's physical condition. For example, 1) _____ users can get around town by themselves, but cannot enter a building that has only stairs. If the environment can be made more accessible using various 2) _____, inconveniences for people with disabilities will be minimized.

My country has various systems to provide services for individuals with different needs. For example, children with 3) _____ are given specially cooked lunches at school. If there is a student from Japan, the school will look for a Japanese-speaking teacher and include a 4) _____ class to maintain the student's native language ability.

People are different in some ways — physical appearance, 5) _____, ethnicity, etc. I think that disabilities can be one of those differences. Regardless of disabilities, I believe that everyone has the 6) _____ enjoy life and receive appropriate services for their condition.

I really love my job because I can help people 7) _____ barriers and I am able to see the smiling faces of children everyday. Hana, please come to see our school someday and meet my lovely students.

Lotta

