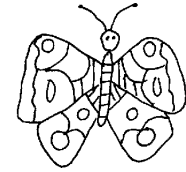


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CEREBRAL PALSY



Cerebral Palsy is a paralysis of the muscles caused by a brain abnormality. Somewhere, something went wrong with the development of a person's brain during pregnancy or in early childhood. Doctors diagnose these children as having cerebral palsy because their muscles are refusing to work the way they should.

A person with cerebral palsy may have shaky movements or in some cases can't control arms or legs properly and may use a wheelchair. Just because a person with cerebral palsy behaves differently than you doesn't mean that person is dumb. They know very well what you are saying but sometimes have difficulty in talking back to you. You should always be polite to them and not tease them because they can't help that they are different. You can't 'catch' cerebral palsy, so it is not contagious. Maybe you know someone who has cerebral palsy?

Did you know, at least 15 million people in the world have cerebral palsy? Some have a worse case of cerebral palsy than others do. Different parts of the body are affected and some people are diagnosed as having hemiplegic cerebral palsy, some as paraplegic cerebral palsy and some as quadriplegic cerebral palsy.



Task 1:

**What do the following words mean?
Use a dictionary or encyclopedia to help you.**

Paralyse	
Abnormality	
Diagnose	
Contagious	
Hemiplegia	
Paraplegia	
Quadriplegia	



Task 2:

**Write a short story, how you would like people
to treat you if you had cerebral palsy.**