



# Disability Etiquette

A great way to understand ideas better is to act them out. One way to act without memorizing the words is to do a **Read Aloud Play**, sometimes called **Readers' Theater**. Each actor chooses a character and reads their words out loud.

Find a family member or call a friend on the phone. Decide who will read Arco and who will read Ruby. Read this play out loud. Don't read the words in italics; they are just more information to understand the play. (If you want to "get into character" the person playing Arco could wear something orange and the person playing Ruby could wear something red.)

## A Name is Enough

(Arco and Ruby are talking on the phone)

Arco: Hey Ruby, when is Wanda your handicapped cousin coming to visit again?

Ruby: Whenever the governor says it's OK. And you can just call her Wanda.

Arco: Oh, yeah.

Ruby: She was asking about you. She said you had fun playing together

Arco: We did! She is really funny! I didn't think she would be so much fun. I thought she would be sad.

Ruby: Why would she be sad?

Arco: Because of her legs. (Wanda wears braces on her legs to help her walk)

Ruby: Your Uncle Pete is blind.

Arco: Yeah, Uncle Pete is really fun to play with, too.

Ruby: You mean he isn't sad all the time?

Arco: Oops! I get what you mean.

Ruby: By the way, Wanda called you "Arco, my orange friend."

Arco: She did????

Ruby: No – just kidding.

Arco: I get it! Very funny. From now on she is just "Wanda" to me!



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Another way to learn about others is to ask questions and become an expert on a topic. Experts can give us advice on how people with disabilities would like to be treated. Ruby watched this video about Disability Etiquette with her mom. Afterwards, they wrote down all 10 tips to help them remember them and try to do them. Find a family member or friend to watch this video with and discuss it afterward.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4kDbyiNihY>

## **Think about it:**

10 tips are a lot to try to remember. Choose three that you will try to use right away. Why did you choose those three?

Are there any of the tips you already do?

Who would you like to share this video with? Why?

Do you have a disability? Do you think these tips are helpful?

Do you know anyone with a disability? Have you ever talked about any of these ideas with them?