

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

27th April - 3rd May 2026



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to support people
who need extra help?**



This week's story looks at events related to ...



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).

Do you have an emotional response you would like to share?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
bemused
bewildered
disorientated
indistinct
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled

excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposed
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted



Questions

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Vital statistics

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What impact might caring for another person have on someone's life?



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What others think

Read through and discuss the meaning of the two quotes below.

“Independence is happiness.” Susan B. Anthony, social reformer and women’s rights activist.

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Do you agree with these quotes?
Why?

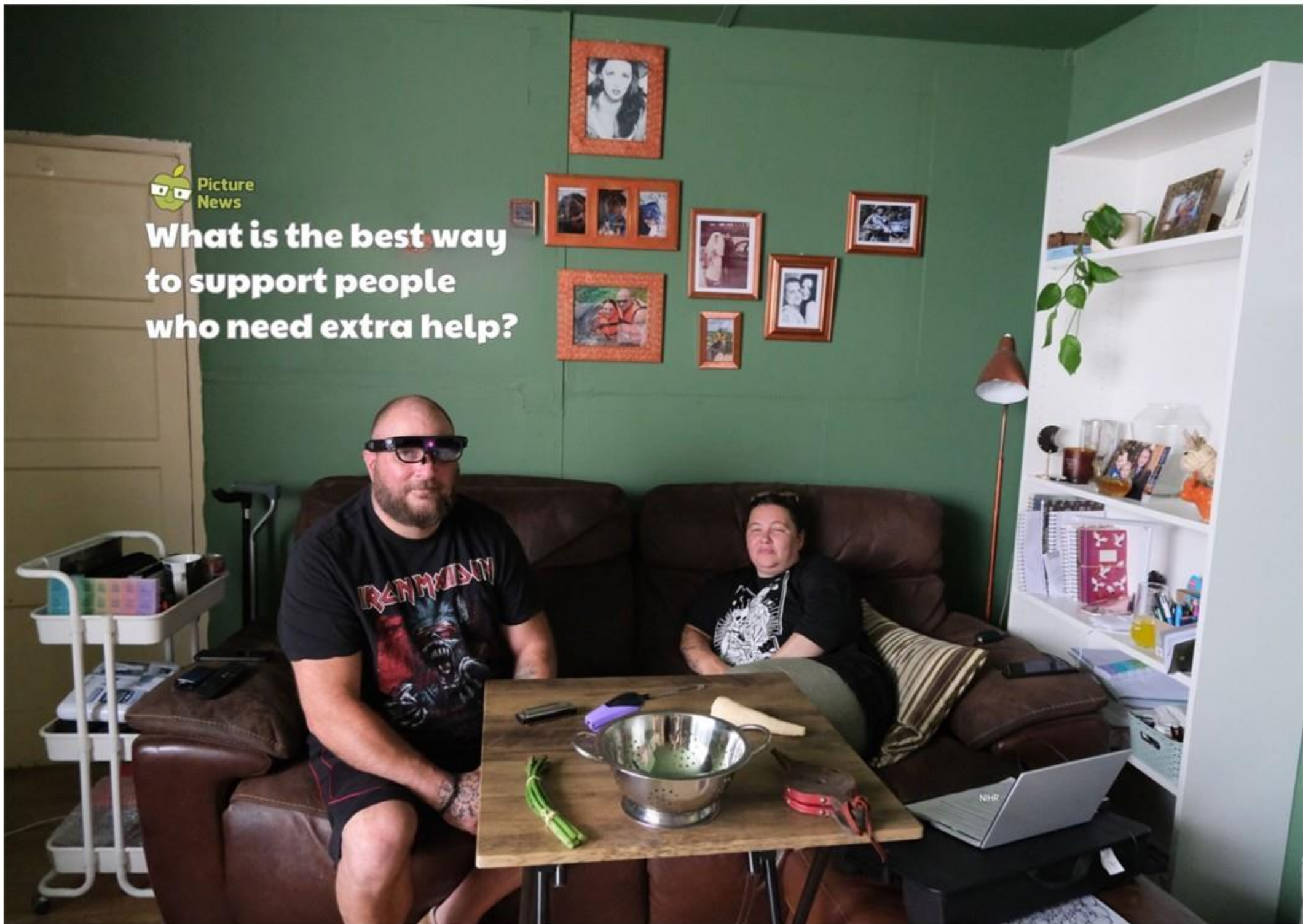
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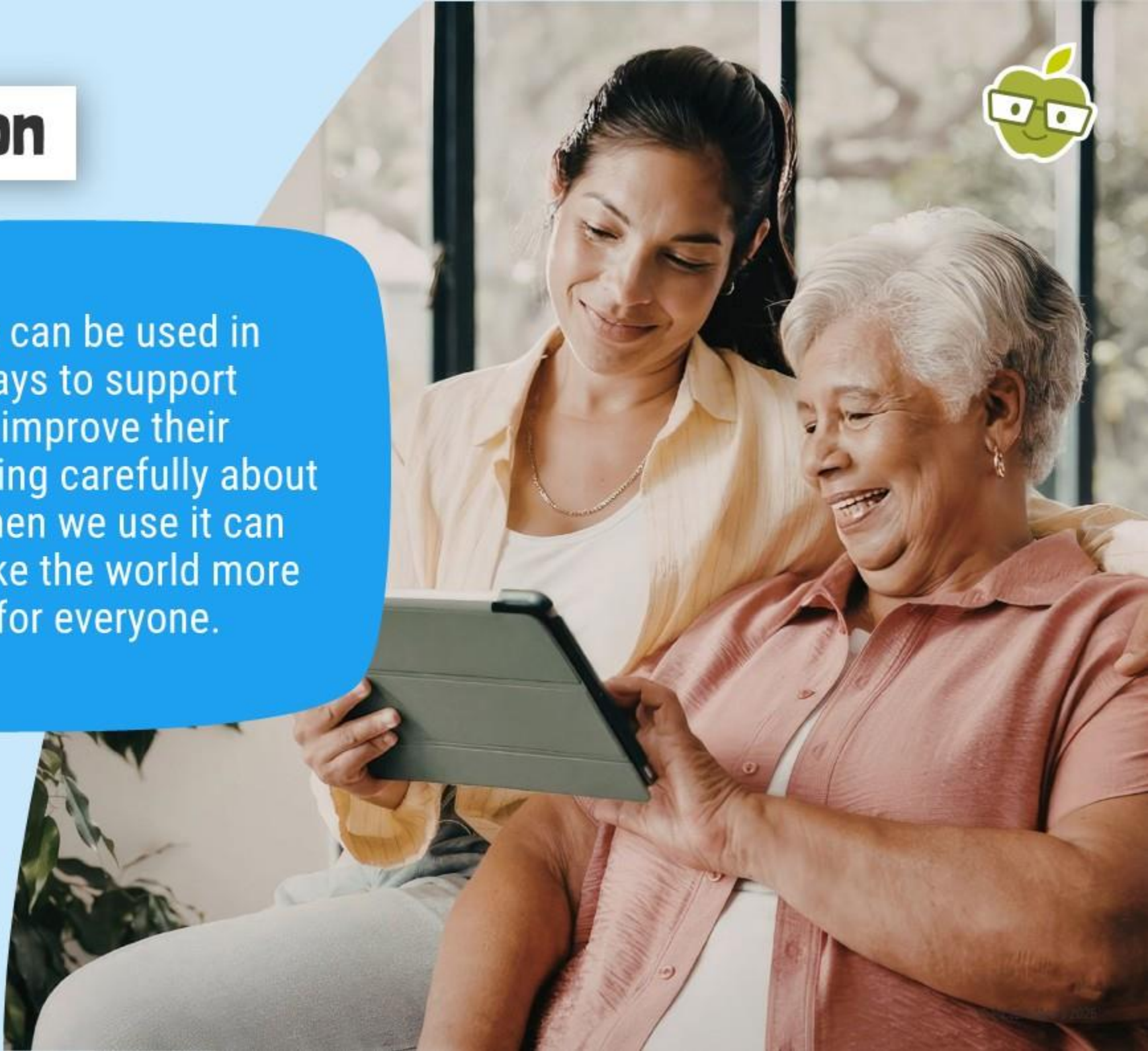
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Reflection



Technology can be used in powerful ways to support people and improve their lives. Thinking carefully about how and when we use it can help us make the world more accessible for everyone.



Media Literacy

I can talk about how a story makes me feel.



Explanation: Let's explore how and why a news story might bring about an emotional response.



Analyse



Evaluate



Research



Act

Questions to Discuss

- Why do we sometimes feel connected to people we have never met just by hearing their story?
- Can a news story help us empathise with people we meet in the real world? How?
- If two people read the same news story, why might they feel completely different emotion?

Activity

Read through a printed version of the news story. Using three different coloured highlighters (e.g., blue for sad/scary, yellow for hopeful/happy, and green for surprised), highlight sentences and words that trigger those specific feelings.

Look at your finished page and reflect on which colour is the most dominant. Why do you think this is the case?

Write a brief summary about how the article made you feel and why? You may wish to use the emotions grid to see if you can find a more sophisticated word to describe how the article made you feel.

British Values



I Really Do Matter!



Individual Liberty



Rule of Law



Democracy



Mutual Respect and Tolerance



This story shows individual liberty as the glasses help people with dementia to be more independent and make their own choices.

This story shows mutual respect and tolerance because it uses technology to treat people with kindness and help people with dementia feel included.



**Which British Value can you see in this week's story?
Do you agree with either person, or think something different?**

Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story links to?



This week's story supports the protected characteristic of disability, because the glasses help people with dementia to complete daily tasks more easily and live more independently.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief



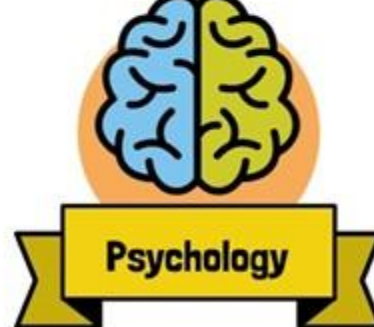
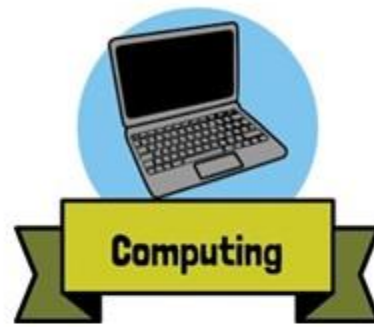
UN Rights of the Child



AI has the potential to help children with disabilities live more independently and confidently, supporting their right to live a full life and the care they need to thrive.



Cross Curricular Links



This week's story explores different ways to support people.



Who Does This Work?



Job of the Week Care Worker

Care workers facilitate independent living for vulnerable individuals through support, including personal care, medication management, and social engagement.

Did you know?

According to the April 2025 adult social care workforce survey, the sector has a severe staffing crisis, with 71% of providers struggling to recruit and retain employees. While this presents a challenge for the industry, it creates opportunities for job seekers, with workers in high demand.



Pathways Into This Career

- Direct application to care providers to receive on-the-job training.
- Level 2 or Level 3 Adult Care Worker apprenticeships.
- College courses, such as a T Level in Health or a diploma in Health and Social Care.
- Volunteer in a care home, charity, or hospice.



Skills Needed

- Empathy and sensitivity towards vulnerable people.
- Ability to talk to clients, listen and empathise.
- Reliability and thoroughness.
- Ability to work well with other healthcare professionalise and families.
- Ability to help lift or move people.



Discussion Prompt

Identify the most important characteristic for a care worker. What makes it so significant?

LET'S DISCUSS

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This week's news story

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/ai-glasses-for-dementia-sees-objects-with-labels-projected-on-lenses/>

This week's useful video

<http://www.newsflare.com/video/849357/new-ai-glasses-for-dementia-sufferers-see-objects-and-project-prompts-onto-lenses>



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 **Listen**

 **Think**

 **Share**

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Additional Activities



Cross Curricular Link Activity

- Imagine you are a product designer, and you have just provided a pair of glasses to a person living with dementia.
- Explain that people living with dementia often struggle with lots of pattern, small text, and multi-step sequences, and so a standard instruction booklet is too complicated.
- Write a one-page user manual that is supportive, clear, and easy to follow.
- When creating your one-page manual, you may wish to consider:
 - Using simple icons instead of long sentences.
 - Using a large font size.
 - Using encouraging language.
- Exchange your manual with a partner. Think about:
 - Can you read the text from 2 metres away?
 - Are there any confusing patterns on the page?
 - Does the manual make you feel happy and supported?

Think about: How might changing the design of the manual change how the user feels about themselves? What impact might this have on their wellbeing and self-esteem? Why?



Careers Connection Activity

- Explain that pupils are going to take on the role of a care worker. Your clients are facing barriers that prevent them from living fully and independently. The funding board is hesitant to provide resources, so you must advocate for them. Your goal is to pitch a creative solution that restores their dignity and independence.
- In your groups, assess the following two clients. Think about what is their goal, and what is standing in their way?

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Loves living alone and cooking fresh meals.	Loves socialising and meeting friends.
Severe arthritis makes it painful to grip kitchen tools and stand for long periods.	Struggles with working memory. She forgets where she is going and how to get home.
He is becoming frustrated and is starting to rely on expensive, unhealthy pre-packaged meals.	She is becoming increasingly anxious and has stopped leaving the house.

- Choose one client and design a creative solution.
Think about: What specific product, tool, or change would help them? How does this help them do things themselves rather than having someone do it for them?
- Present your plan to the board, ensuring your advocacy is clear and compassionate.



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