

Lesson 1: A Chronically Ill or Disabled Child



Vocabulary Practice:

<p>Chronically - (esp. of a disease or something bad) continuing for a long time.</p>	<p><i>Mr. George is resigning because of chronic heart disease.</i></p>
<p>Disable - to make something or someone unable to act in the correct or usual way.</p>	<p><i>Thieves disabled the museum's alarm system.</i></p>
<p>Unable - not able</p>	<p><i>I was unable to find a pay phone.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

She needs love

Rose: Gail, where is mommy?

Gail: No mommy.

Rose: Tim, where is your mom?

Tim: She is outside. I think she is going to Gail's doctor.

Rose: I see. I think I will just wait for her here.

Tim: Ok. Gail, it's time for you to take your vitamins.

Gail: No vitamins.

Tim: Gail you have to take this because this will make you strong and healthy, you want that right?

Gail: (nodding)

Tim: Ok, say ahhh. Very good! I love you.

Gail: (smile and hug her brother)

Rose: You really love your sister, don't you?

Tim: Yes, I really love her because she is my only sister and Gail is unable to do the things that she wants to do. So I have to take care of her and help her.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is chronically?
 - a. something that happened once
 - b. something that continues for a long time
 - c. something that has never happened before
2. What does it mean to disable?
 - a. to make something or someone unable to act in the correct or usual way
 - b. to stop working
 - c. to make someone or something feeling bad
3. What is unable?
 - a. cannot be used
 - b. not functioning
 - c. not able
4. What kind of adjustments might a parent need to take to deal with a disabled child?
5. How can you help this child grow up happy and well -loved?