



The Power of Words : How We Talk About People with Autism Spectrum Disorders Matters!

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One in 150 children in the United States has autism. As an adult with an autism diagnosis, Judy Endow has experienced first-hand what it feels like to be the 1 in the 1 in 150. Based on a poem *The Language of Us and Them* (Shevin, 1987), *The Power of Words* combines words, pictures, and music to present examples of how the 149 talk about the 1 with autism, noting that even well-meaning and kind words can set the tone for acceptance or rejection as well as for inclusion or exclusion. While acknowledging the importance of a proper diagnosis, Judy warns about the damage and pain labeling can cause by separating and isolating. This powerful DVD inspires us to use language wisely.

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