



# Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility

## ICT Accessibility Fact Sheet

### Assessing the provision of ICT for Inclusion: Behavioural, emotional and social development

This guide suggests where ICT may help and points you to the main sources of advice and information available in this area. It is not meant to be exhaustive but a starting point on where to get help.

#### More Information

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#### Free access utilities

A range of utilities are available on the FITA AccessArchives CD-Roms, and the FITA web site at [www.fitamalta.eu](http://www.fitamalta.eu)

#### Does the difficulty lie in spoken or written communication?

Look at the fact sheet identifying what additional ICT provision may help individuals with communication and interaction difficulties.

#### Does the difficulty lie in reading?

Look at the fact sheet identifying what additional ICT provision may help individuals with cognitive and learning difficulties.

Consider in particular the advantages where a portable word processor might offer the user the opportunity to work in privacy.

Some individuals will, however, benefit from access to a desktop computer to work collaboratively with others.

It may also be a more successful instrument of learning than relating to a teacher, particularly if this has been a problem in the past.

#### What ICT can be used to engage the user and build attention through a focus on his or her interests?

- Interactive talking books
- Music technology
- Multimedia including digital images and video
- Problem-solving software and adventure games
- Integrated learning systems (ILS)

#### Where can I find out more?

##### Xplanatory

At the Xplanatory web site you can find information about approaches to teaching learners with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

<http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/xplanatory/approach/approach.htm>

##### ebd-forum mailing list

At <http://www.becta.org.uk/inclusion/> you may join other practitioners to share and discuss ideas on the education of pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

##### Inclusion web site

Search the on-line catalogue for resources, software, books and practice examples that can support the education of learners at <http://inclusion.ngfl.gov.uk>

##### Learn ICT

Research, guides, support materials and important links can be found at <http://www.learn-ict.org.uk/links/sen/autism/autism00.asp>

##### Autism and Technology

Hosted by autism Europe, this is a comprehensive collection of practical research papers, covering the impact of ICT on students with autism.

<http://www.autism-resources.com/papers/LINK.htm>