

Learning Another Way Simulations

Activity One: Pouring Water

Simulate how a person who is blind uses other senses to pour water into a glass.

Materials Needed:

- Pitchers
- Glasses
- Towels
- Blindfolds



Procedures:

1. Have the student put on the blindfold and attempt to pour a glass of water. Put a towel under the glass to catch the spills or have paper towels handy.
2. Talk about the difficulties they had.
3. Ask the student to explain what approaches they tried and their thought process.
4. Ask the student to describe what other senses they are using.
5. Brainstorm ways that would make it easier:
 - A. Put a finger inside the cup about a half an inch from the rim. When you feel the water, stop pouring.
 - B. Guide the lip of the pitcher to the lip of the glass with your other hand.
 - C. Tell about an electronic device that beeps when the water touches it. This is useful with hot liquids. (See poster Page 57)
 - D. Use your hearing. The sound of the pouring water changes as it gets closer and closer to the top of the glass.
 - E. Feel the weight of the glass. It will get heavier as it fills.
 - F. Discuss what you could do if the pitcher contained hot water.

Discussion: Explain how doing a task in a little different way allows someone who cannot see to do them successfully.