

## UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES

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# Successful People with Disabilities #1

Henry Holden

Patty Duke

Chris Burke

Stephen Hawking

Jim Abbot

Tom Cruise

**Who is it? Read the description of the person below and write in the correct name from above.**

1. He is a professional baseball player, won an Olympic gold medal in 1988, and he was born with only one hand.

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2. He is an actor who played Corky on the TV show *Life Goes On*; he was born with Down's Syndrome, and currently travels around the country on speaking engagements.

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3. He is an actor and has been in movies such as *Rain Man*, *Top Gun*, and *Jerry McGuire*, and has dyslexia.

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4. She is an actress who has been in many movies and television shows, she has won both Emmy's and an Academy Award, and has a bipolar disorder. She also tours the country giving talks as a disability advocate on mental illnesses.

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5. He is a scientist who wrote *A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes*. He has ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. The disease attacks the nerves that control movement. He uses a wheel chair and speaks and writes using a special computer.

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6. He is an actor, athlete, standup comic, and disability activist. He is the founder of the *Performers with Disabilities for the Screen Actors Guild*. He had polio at the age of 4 and uses leg braces and crutches to get around.

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