



Help us make informed decisions about money!



Sometimes **people think** that a **person** with a **communication difficulty, learning disability or autism** **cannot** make **decisions** about their **money**.



Rights
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People with **communication difficulties or additional needs** have the **same right** as anybody to **make decisions about** their **money**.



The **law says** that **people have** the **right** to **make decisions about** their **money**, as long as they understand the options.



The **law** also **says** that **people should get the help they need** so they **can make decisions**.



The **Mental Capacity Act** is the **law** that exists to make sure **people get help** to **make decisions**.

How can I help a person make a decision about money?



The **Mental Capacity Act** says that **people have the right to get help to make decisions about money.**



To **help a person to make a decision, don't use lots of words.** Instead, **use photos and videos to help the person understand things better.**



Don't give people lots of information at once. Too much information makes it harder for people to understand and remember everything.



Give **two options** at a time to the person **using pictures. Let the person decide the option they like best.**



Use **Easy Read** documents like this one. Easy Reads **use easy words** and sentences to **help people understand things better.**

When I cannot understand, choose what's best for me!



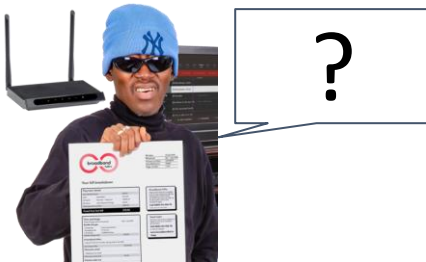
Sometimes **people** can not understand something **even** when they get help.



A **person** might be able to make **easy decisions** but **not hard decisions**.



For example, **deciding** to **buy** a **phone** is **harder** than **deciding** what to **buy** for **lunch**.



Deciding on the **best TV deal** is **harder** than deciding whether to **pay** for the **bills**.



People should only **choose** what's **best** for **someone** when the **person** doesn't understand something.



People should **never** **decide** for **someone** when the **decision** is **easy** and the **person** can understand it.

Only people that know us best can help with money!



Only **people** that **know us best** should **help** us **make decisions** about **money**.



The Include Champions said that they **trust** their **parents** to **help** them **make decisions**. Not everyone has this option so there are other people that can help too.



Some of the Include Champions also **trust** their **support staff** to **help** them **make decisions about money**.



Always ask someone you **know well** and **trust** to **help** you **make decisions about money**.



If you don't have someone to help you with money, you can **ask for an Advocate**, or **speak to organisations like Citizen's Advice** - you are not alone!