DISABILITY ACCESS SYMBOLS CHALLENGE – ANSWERS

These symbols are often used to show that accessibility is available for people with disabilities. Here is more information about each one.



International Symbol of Accessibility – This symbol should only be used to indicate access for individuals with limited mobility, including wheelchair users. For example, the symbol is used to show an accessible entrance, bathroom or that a phone is lowered.



Information – This symbol may be used on signage or on a floor plan to show the location of the information or security desk, where there is more specific information or materials concerning access accommodations and services such as large print materials, tape recordings of materials, or sign interpreted tours.



Sign Language Interpreted – The symbol indicates that Sign Language Interpretation is provided for a public meeting, lecture, tour, performance, conference or other program.



Closed Captioned – This symbol indicates that a television program or videotape is closed captioned for deaf or hard of hearing persons. Videos that are part of exhibitions may be closed captioned, using the symbol with instructions to press a button for captioning. The alternative would be "open captioning", which translates dialogue and other sounds in print.

Large Print Large Print – This symbol can be used to show that large print versions of books, pamphlets, museum guides and theater programs are available. It can also be used on conference or membership forms to show that print materials may be provided in large print. Sans serif or modified serif print with good contrast is highly recommended, and special attention should be paid to letter and word spacing. (The smallest type text that is "large print" is 14 point type.)



Audio Description for TV, Video and Film – This service makes television, video, and film more accessible for persons who are blind or have low vision. Description of visual elements is provided by a trained Audio Describer through the Secondary Audio Program (SAP) of televisions and monitors equipped with stereo sound.



Live Audio Description – A service for people who are blind or have low vision that makes the performing and visual arts more accessible. A trained Audio Describer offers live commentary or narration (via headphones and a small transmitter) consisting of concise, objective descriptions of visual elements (for example, a theater performance or a visual arts exhibition at a museum).



Access for Individuals Who are Blind or Have Low Vision (other than print or Braille) – This symbol may be used to indicate access for people who are blind or have low vision, including a guided tour; a path to a nature trail or a scent garden in a park; and a tactile tour or a museum exhibition that may be touched.



Volume Control Telephone – This symbol indicates the location of telephones that have handsets with amplified sound and/or adjustable volume controls.



Assistive Listening Systems or Devices – These systems transmit sound via hearing aids or headsets. They include infrared, loop and FM systems. Portable systems may be available from the same audiovisual equipment suppliers that service conferences and meetings.



Braille Symbol – This symbol indicates that printed matter is available in Braille, including exhibition labeling, publications and signage.