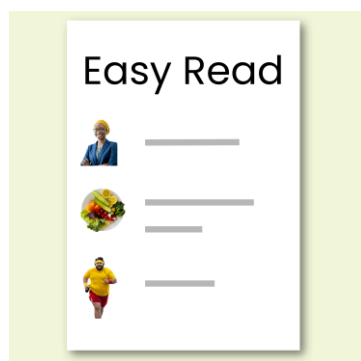




How the BBC can make news for people with a learning disability.

This is an open letter to **The Right Honourable Lisa Nandy MP,**
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport



Easy Read



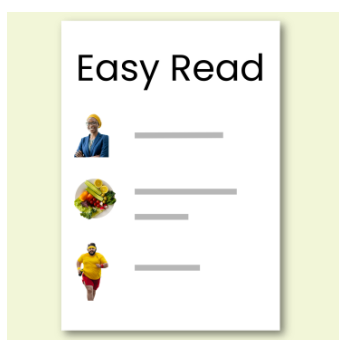
About this letter



The letter is from disabled people and organisations all over the UK.



The letter is to Lisa Nandy at the UK Government.



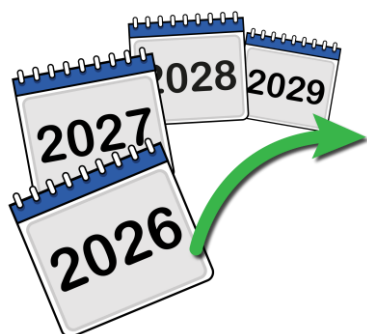
This letter is written in Easy Read.

Easy Read is a way to communicate that is easy to understand.

Easy Read uses:

- simple language
- pictures
- a clear layout.

Easy Read is used by many people with a learning disability.



This letter is about the BBC.

Lisa Nandy is looking at how the BBC will work in the future.



In this letter we tell Lisa how we want the BBC to help disabled people.



This is an **open letter**.

An **open letter** is where everyone can see the letter.



This is so everyone can know our ideas and say what they think.

About the BBC



The BBC is the UK's biggest **public service broadcaster**.



Public service means working to do what people need or want.



A **broadcaster** is an organisation that makes TV, radio, or online programmes.



The BBC is a public service broadcaster so it should make programmes for everyone.

BBC news



The BBC makes a lot of news programmes.



The BBC also has lots of news on its website.



BBC rules say the news has to help everyone understand what is going on in the UK and the world.



The problem is that not everyone can understand BBC news.



People with a learning disability can find it hard to understand the hard words in BBC news.



Everyone needs news they can understand so they can:



- take part in everyday life



- vote in elections for who to run the country



- know how to stay safe



Every household in the UK pays for the BBC.



There are about 1 million adults with a learning disability in the UK.



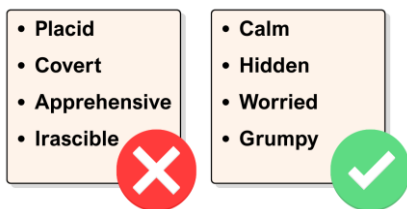
It is not fair that there is no news for adults with a learning disability to understand.

What we want the BBC to do



We want the BBC to make news that is easy to understand.

Easy to understand news would have:



- easy words



- a slower speed



- stories about what is going on in the UK and the world



- stories about things that matter to people with a learning disability.



We also want the BBC to make news with people with a learning disability.

This means people with a learning disability filming, writing, and speaking the news.

What happens in other countries



More than 12 countries in Europe make news that is easy to understand.

Some countries have laws that say public service broadcasters must make news for people with a learning disability.



We want the UK government to tell the BBC to make news for people with a learning disability.

The government should put this in the BBC's **charter**.



The **charter** is a document with rules about how the BBC works and what it must do.



The BBC is the world's best public service broadcaster, but not for people with a learning disability.



People with a learning disability want a BBC that can inform, educate and entertain them.

How to find out more



Look at this [report about easy to understand news](#).



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