

## Media briefing

### The language of epilepsy

This document is intended as a guide for media about current, acceptable language surrounding epilepsy and those who have the condition, as part of the Epilepsy Foundation's goal to create an inclusive, welcoming society for people living with epilepsy and their families.

What	Do use:	Don't use:
<b>Descriptions of epilepsy</b>	Seizure/s Epileptic seizure/s Convulsive seizure/s	Fits
<b>Other descriptors</b>	Experiencing People who have epilepsy Empathy	Suffering Victims of epilepsy Sympathy
<b>Use of the adjective 'epileptic'</b>	The word 'epileptic' as an adjective to describe a type of seizure ie. epileptic seizure/s	The word 'epileptic' in describing a person ie. 'epileptic person'
<b>Describing a person with epilepsy</b>	People with epilepsy People living with epilepsy	Epileptic person / people Epileptics
<b>Describing epilepsy</b>	Words or phrases that can be used to describe epilepsy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a health condition</li> <li>- a medical condition</li> <li>- a neurological condition defined as a tendency to have a series of recurring seizures</li> <li>- a chronic condition or disability (only to be used in specific cases or for specific reasons)</li> </ul>	
<b>People with epilepsy</b>	People with epilepsy People living with epilepsy	PWE PLWE

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