

WIN 5.2 - Developing an Inclusive Writing Style

Lesson 3 - Writing for IEHPs

One of the challenges for writing for people who don't have English as their first language is that the vocabulary might not be there, so if you use, you know, difficult language, words that people might not be familiar with, then the meaning can be lost, or your message can be misinterpreted. Also the cultural references might be very different as well, so if you use references, jokes, jargon, specific - you know allude to specific things that people who come from other countries might not be familiar with, again they're not going to be able to understand you. And in some cases people might be intimidated to ask for clarification, and then there could be, you know, difficulties arising from that.