

Module 1: Video 2 Transcript, Multisensory Learning

Sensory Issues and Learning



For many learners with special educational needs and disabilities, the world can sometimes appear to be a very challenging place.

For learners with a sensory loss, or an inability to regulate the sensory information they receive, the world can seem very confusing and overwhelming.

A learner with autism may become distracted by things that others might not notice - fine visual detail, bright lights or visual clutter which create a bombardment of sensory stimuli, which they cannot filter out or regulate.

For a learner with a visual loss, the environment may be a different challenge. A loss of vision may mean that they see from just the side, or through the center of their vision.

And then there's the sound. If sounds are hard to identify, then it can become very distracting or overwhelming.

So, some of the sensory information in our environment, that many of us might not find strong enough to be noticeable and might just filter out, is too overwhelming or appears very different, for some of our learners with SEND.