



# BLINDNESS

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**Anotace:** Reading and speaking about blindness.

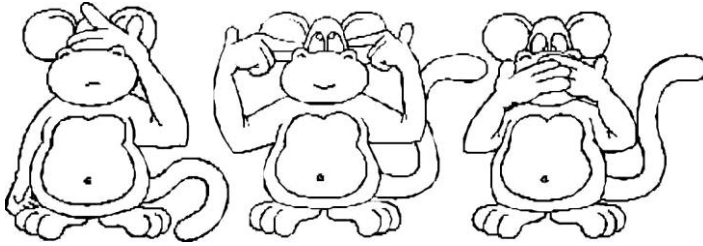
**Klíčová slova:** handicap, blindness, see, vision, eye, sight, reading

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS:**

1. Look at the picture and answer the following questions:



- What do the monkeys do?
- What are the 3 handicaps the monkeys refer to?
- If you have to, which of these three handicaps would you choose to live in and why?
- What would be the problem for you if you were blind and isn't now?

2. **Brainstorming**

Imagine you are blind. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being blind?

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES

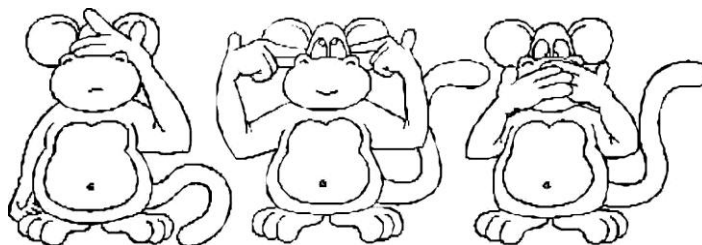
3. **Pre-teach the vocabulary connected to blindness:**

guide dog  
(moral/physical) support  
handicap(ped)  
live full life  
take (sb) by the hand  
seeing people  
darkness

4. Read the article and answer the questions.

5. **Explain the advice in B or re-tell them in your own words.**

## LIVING IN THE DARK



Can you imagine waking up one day and seeing only blurry light or even nothing at all? Have you ever tried to pay in a shop or make a cup of coffee with your eyes closed? For some people this is the reality of their everyday life.

In the Czech Republic there are between 15,000 and 20,000 blind people. That's not a small number, so it's quite useful to learn how to act towards them.

Should we pity the blind and treat them as if they were unable to do anything for themselves? The answer is no! They are quite self-reliant, but they might need our help from time to time.

Technology helps them a lot. For example, modern computers are equipped with an application which guides them by voice, so blind people only need a special keyboard to work with a computer.

Finding jobs for the blind can be quite challenging. Some employers are afraid that they will not be as efficient as other workers. However, they can work not only as masseurs, music teachers, in social services or call centres, but also as IT technicians, lawyers and psychologists.

If you feel like making a difference, you can become a volunteer. That doesn't mean that you help the blind bathe or cook their meals, but rather read to them, go out with them or even do some sport with them – like swimming or riding a tandem bicycle. Even if you don't want to get involved in this way, you can always offer some other type of assistance: help them cross the street when asked, take them where they want to go or simply treat them like any other person. Sometimes it's quite enough.

### A) Answer the questions:

1. Why is it quite useful to learn how to act toward the blind people?
2. According to the article, are the blind people always self-reliant?
3. How do the modern computers for blind people work?
4. Which jobs are appropriate for blind people?
5. How can we help them?

### B) Read the advice below and explain how you understand them (retell them in your own words):

#### HOW TO BEHAVE TOWARDS US:

- First ask us if we need help. Don't just leap at us and start dragging us somewhere.
- If we refuse your help, don't take offence.
- A handshake makes up for eye contact.
- Talk directly to us, even if we have an assistant.
- Keep looking at us. We can sense if you look somewhere else.
- It's OK to use words like "to see", "to wink" or "to watch".

# Použité zdroje:

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