

Guidelines for adults using a young interpreter:

- Speak clearly and use simpler less complex language.
- Speak one sentence at a time to allow the interpreter to translate in between.

Advice to give to your young interpreter:

- Address the person directly as if you are asking the question. For example, "Have you..." "Do you..." (and not in third person e.g. "Has she...")
- The interpreter should be made to feel at ease with the adults concerned and should be encouraged to use eye contact.
- It is OK to ask for clarification, use the cards below to help.

Here are some ready-made cards to assist any young interpreter:

Could you repeat please?		Do you mean?
	?	?
Could you rephrase?	?	Sorry, I did not understand what you meant by

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