

Meet Niki and Arabella

A Communication Hub resource

(electronic bubbles pop)

(note swooshes)

(gentle upbeat music)

N: My name is Nikita Phillip. I like talking to other peoples around, like helping things, chatting, like that. Yeah.

A: Do you want to tell me more about yourself and I suppose, how you live?

N: Yeah, I live for home groups. And, I can't remember.

A: Yeah. What kind of things do you like?

N: I like knitting, crochet, watching on TV, and yeah.

Some words are hard and like, people who are talking fast and like, people, like, talking slow, and yeah. Yeah. So sometimes the way that other people communicate can be hard. Yeah. And the words that they use. Yeah.

Communication is like making new friends so difficult. I like this friend more than you and, I can't make you my friend, and I like my own friends, and it gets me upset, and yeah.

A: What about your voice, you were talking about your voice before

N: Oh yeah, I don't like my voice, like recording anything

A: I don't think anyone likes hearing their voice on a recording. (Both laugh) But you were saying sometimes it's hard for other people. What were you saying?

N: Do you know, like, my voice? I don't know. Sometimes it's just a little bit hard to, yeah, understand my voice.

A: What happens then?

N: Like, what?

A: Do they say? I don't know what you're saying.

N: Yeah. You have to repeat again.

A: And is that difficult for you?

N: Yeah.

A: And how is your spelling?

N: It's good.

A: Yeah, the spelling is good.

N: Yeah.

A: What about long words?

N: Not really.

A: Yeah. So some of those long words can be hard to spell. You know what. They are hard to spell. Anything about reading?

N: No.

A: Reading's pretty good?

N: Some words are so hard. Yeah.

A: Some words are hard.

N: Like long words.

A: Long words can be really hard to understand. How do you feel when you're talking to people?

N: Nice.

A: Yeah.

N: Feeling inside good.

A: Yeah. You feel that happy feeling?

N: Yeah.

A: What else do you like about talking?

N: Like, your houses, painting.

A: You're very good at listening to me complain about painting my house.

N: Yeah

A: You like to complain yourself sometimes, venting is important. Sharing your feelings.

N: Yeah.

A: What should they do? What helps?

N: Repeat again.

A: Yeah. When people repeat themselves and they talk..

N: very slow

A: Yeah. When they talk a bit slower. What about loud?

N: No.

A: What about soft?

N: Yes.

A: When they speak just like just normal speaking? Yeah. Do you remember we spoke about the types of words people use?

N: Yeah.

A: What's good for you?

N: Some words are hard, and I can't understand the word is and person say oh, and that person he can change different words. And yeah.

A: So people changing the words that they use

N: Yeah.

A: To be a bit easier.

N: Yeah.

A: Awesome. What else helps? You mentioned that you like to talk about specific things, like there are interests.

N: I like movies, knitting and dancing.

A: And if people, you know, let you talk about those things,

N: Yeah.

A: That that's good. That's really good. Did the pictures help in that?

N: Yeah, they did.

A: Tell me more about that.

N: I can understand that picture. Yeah.

A: We talked about speaking slowly, speaking softly. Yeah. Using easy words or short words. Talking about your interests and getting to know you. Is there anything else?

N: Using some pictures.

A: Drawing?

N: Drawing.

A: Drawing at the same time helps? Definitely. It's like the more you can see it, the easier it is for the information.

N: Yeah. Thank you for interview for me.

(gentle upbeat music)