

Key: NCDJ Editing Exercise No. 1

Paragraph one:

- **CONFINED TO A WHEEL CHAIR:** Wheelchairs enable people to be mobile. Better: "Using a wheelchair or in a wheelchair." Refer to people's assistive aids only when essential to the story.

Paragraph two:

- **SUFFERING FROM:** This assumes that the person has a reduced quality of life. Use neutral language such as "who has cerebral palsy." Refer to people's conditions only when essential to the story. In this case, the diagnosis of cerebral palsy isn't clearly necessary.

Paragraph three:

- **SPASTIC:** This description is derogatory when applies to a person. People aren't spastic, muscles are.

Paragraph four: Referencing a wheelchair in this context is appropriate but the term "wheelchair-bound" is unnecessary and redundant.

Paragraph five:

- **CRIPPLED:** The word is derogatory and unnecessary.