

Disability stereotypes in films



▶ **The Projected Image: Disability Stereotypes in Film** *posted by Lawrence Carter-Long*

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- 1** What is disability? How many types of disability do you know? See your coursebook from page 268 to page 289 to check your answers.
- 2** There are often stereotypes associated with disability. Do you agree with them? Discuss with a partner.
Disabled people are always sad.
Disabled people are angry with the whole world.
Disabled people are very sweet.
- 3** Watch this video on Hollywood stereotypes on disabled people. What categories are mentioned?
- 4** Watch the video again and answer the following questions.
 - a. In the past disabled characters used to be horrific people. Which two characters are mentioned?
 - b. Which category of disabled people was often associated with sexual deviance?
 - c. Directors often asked little people to jump on a table. Why?
 - d. Why are blind people often sad in films?
 - e. What is the consequence of associating disability with inability?
- 5** Do you know any films whose protagonists are disabled people? How are they treated?