## **Figuring Out the Tasks**

Help With	Tasks:	Related	Comments
	Do you want	Issues: Do	
	help	you want	
Groceries			
Groceries	<ul> <li>Making grocery lists</li> <li>Getting in the store, around the aisles, out of the store</li> <li>Picking the groceries</li> <li>Paying</li> <li>Carrying the groceries to the car and into the house</li> <li>Unpacking the groceries</li> <li>Deciding how much to spend</li> <li>With everything</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Someone to patiently and calmly follow along while you shop</li> <li>□ Someone to shop along with you</li> <li>□ Conversation while you are shopping</li> <li>□ Someone to talk to the store clerks for you if you have a problem or need help finding an item</li> <li>□ Someone to handle the payment at check out</li> </ul>	

		<ul> <li>To do shopping on a regular schedule</li> <li>To buy only specific brands or specific product sizes</li> </ul>	
Preparing meals and cleaning up	<ul> <li>Getting a list of organizations that deliver meals</li> <li>Calling to set up delivery</li> <li>Creating menus for homemade meals and making sure the right food is in the house</li> <li>Deciding what to eat for each meal</li> <li>Deciding when to eat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Formal, elaborate or</li> <li>simple, quick meals</li> <li>To supervise either meal preparation or clean up or to be uninvolved</li> <li>Any specific cooking or cleaning procedures followed</li> <li>Conversation while meals are being prepared or put away</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>Cooking the entire meal</li> <li>Preparing or cooking the part of the meal you do not enjoy handling</li> <li>Setting the table</li> <li>Serving the meal</li> <li>Clearing the table</li> <li>Washing the dishes</li> <li>Drying the dishes</li> <li>Putting the dishes away</li> </ul>		
Eating	<ul> <li>Getting to and leaving the table</li> <li>Cutting food</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To eat in a certain place</li> <li>To eat at certain times</li> <li>Conversation while you are eating</li> </ul>	

		<ul> <li>Any topics to be off limits</li> <li>To listen to the radio or television while eating</li> <li>To follow any eating rules</li> <li>Helpers to eat with you or separately</li> <li>Helpers to bring their own food</li> <li>Helpers to keep their food in the refrigerator</li> </ul>	
Taking medication	Checking to see that your medicines are current and that you have enough		

	<ul> <li>Being given the correct medicine at the correct time</li> <li>Giving prescribed injections</li> <li>Being reminded about over the counter medicines, drinking, or other activities that may counteract your medicine</li> </ul>
Laundry	□ Making sure laundry supplies - detergent, fabric softeners – are always stocked

	<ul> <li>Moving the laundry from a basket to the laundry room</li> <li>Sorting the laundry</li> <li>Sorting the laundry</li> <li>Washing, drying, and folding</li> <li>Ironing</li> <li>Putting the clean laundry on the bed or back in the correct place</li> </ul>
Garbage	<ul> <li>Replacing liners in the trash cans</li> <li>Emptying the trash and moving the bags to the garage or pick up point</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Taking trash you have emptied to the pick up point</li> <li>Separating recycling from trash</li> <li>Carrying the recycling bin to the pick up point</li> </ul>		
Companionship	<ul> <li>Do you want someone</li> <li>□ To sit with you and chat while you eat, watch television, or work around the house</li> <li>□ To plan outings for the two of you</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What are your skills or interests?</li> <li>Do you have something you want to accomplish?</li> <li>Are there times of the day or specific activities that are lonely for you?</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>To go for walks or outings with you</li> <li>To be in the house but not spend much time chatting with you</li> <li>To read to or with you</li> <li>To read to or with you</li> <li>To go to the movies, museums, parks, meetings, presentations or other destinations</li> <li>To talk about the daily news, neighborhood gossip, politics, arts, or other specific topics</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>To go through photographs and put them in albums</li> <li>To clean out an attic or closets to sort through your belongings or memorabilia</li> </ul>		
Toileting, bathing, grooming, hygiene	<ul> <li>Getting into and out of the bathroom</li> <li>Getting on or off the toilet</li> <li>Completing your toileting</li> <li>Getting into the shower</li> <li>Assuring that you don't slip while you are in the shower</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do you prefer a man or woman to help you?</li> <li>Are you more comfortable with a stranger, friend, or family member helping you with these tasks?</li> </ul>	

Pet care	<ul> <li>Washing while you are in the shower</li> <li>Washing your face at the sink</li> <li>Putting on and taking off make up</li> <li>Brushing your teeth</li> <li>Combing your hair</li> <li>Washing your hair</li> <li>Washing your hair</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is it about being helped with toileting or grooming that makes you uncomfortable?</li> <li>What can you tell me that will help me find someone who will do the things you need done in a way that makes you as comfortable as possible?</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>warking the pet</li> <li>Feeding and watering the pet</li> <li>Cleaning up after the pet, inside or out</li> </ul>		

	<ul> <li>Getting the pet ready to go to the vet</li> <li>Taking the pet to the vet</li> <li>Staying with the pet if your parent is out of town or in the hospital</li> </ul>	
Others?		