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Terminology and Issues in Accessibility

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Terminology:

While this topic sounds boring it is undoubtedly the most important topic that audiologists should be aware of. So often in research an approach may seem muddled primarily because the researcher doesn't have a good handle on what they are working on… and it all starts with using the right word in the right context- examples such as impedance vs. resistance, and intensity vs. sound level immediately come to mind. And what a coincidence! We have three articles on just these issues.

Terminology also goes hand in hand with issues of access; groups can be erroneously lumped together, or divided apart because of the misuse of a label or a term. Accessibility is our cover feature story in this issue, but a major stumbling block may be something as simple as using the correct term.