

# Transcript — What's the difference between accommodations and modifications?

[**Title slide:** What's the difference between accommodations and modifications?; [Understood](#) logo]

[**Description:** A person with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a purple shirt, sits in a leather armchair in a living room setting.]

[**On-screen text:** Amanda Morin, Parent Advocate]

**Amanda:** Once you've qualified for an IEP or 504 plan, there are a number of things that that can provide for your child. It can provide accommodations and modifications.

An accommodation changes **how** your child is learning.

A modification changes **what** your child is learning.

So, for example, if you think about a child who needs eyeglasses to see. Those eyeglasses are an accommodation to help him see better.

Now, that's not an accommodation for a learning disability, but it's an example of how you can change how your child is learning versus what they're learning.

If your child needs that extra time, that's an accommodation. He's learning the same information, but he's getting a little extra time to do it.

A modification changes what your child is learning.

So, for example, if your child has trouble reading on the same grade level as his peers. He can get the same information, but in a lower reading level, and that's a modification to what he's learning.

[**Description:** A white screen with a purple heading and dark gray text.]

[**On-screen text and narrator:** Key Takeaways

- An accommodation changes **how** your child is learning. A modification changes **what** your child is learning.
- Getting extra time to complete an assignment is an example of an accommodation.
- Getting the same information but at a lower reading level is an example of a modification.]

[**Description:** The screen transitions to show four different content thumbnails with related links from Understood.]

[**On-screen text:** More to explore on Understood. [Classroom accommodations to help students with learning and attention issues](#); [Accommodations and modifications: How they're different](#); [Common modifications and accommodations](#); [Accommodations: What they are and how they work](#)]

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