

Dyslexia Explained

“It’s time we all understand dyslexia properly as a different way of thinking, not a disadvantage”.

Sir Richard Branson

10 Facts you need to know about dyslexia

- 1 At least 1 in 10 people are dyslexic.
- 2 Dyslexia is genetic so it runs in families.
- 3 Dyslexic brains are 'wired' slightly differently meaning they have a different way of processing information.
- 4 This difference results in a pattern of strengths like critical thinking, creativity & communication skills.
- 5 It also results in challenges affecting traditional learning such as reading, writing, spelling, rote learning, memory, concentration.
- 6 Each dyslexic will have a different pattern of strengths & challenges.
- 7 Early identification is key to success in education & in preserving self-esteem.
- 8 If we place as much importance on dyslexic strengths as difficulties...they'll likely go far!
- 9 4 in 5 successful Dyslexics attribute Dyslexic Thinking Skills to their success.
- 10 We've known how to identify & support dyslexia since the 1930's!

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“Dyslexic Thinking has many benefits. If identified & supported dyslexics can achieve amazing things”.

Kate Griggs Founder,
Made By Dyslexia

10 Reasons why it's important to identify dyslexia

- 1 The earlier it's identified & supported, the sooner kids catch up & keep up.
- 2 Screen or test as soon as parents, teachers or kids see a 'problem'. Don't wait.
- 3 Dyslexia can be identified from age 5 when severely dyslexic kids will show signs.
- 4 Less severe dyslexics may grasp early reading but struggle as their workload increases.
- 5 If there's a mismatch in what a child seems capable of & what they produce get tested.
- 6 Unidentified dyslexia results in low self-esteem...the 'label' gives self-understanding.
- 7 4 in 5 dyslexics say that knowing they were dyslexic helped them understand their strengths & difficulties, & to develop perseverance.
- 8 40% said they were aware they couldn't do what their classmates could aged 5.
- 9 70% said they were aware they couldn't do what their classmates could aged 7.
- 10 Dyslexics often fail tests & exams despite having great knowledge & ability of subject:
 - 9 in 10 have poor spelling, grammar, punctuation, but can be great creative writers.
 - 3 in 4 struggle with times tables. But around half of dyslexics are great at maths.