

DYSLEXIA

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FACTS

Dyslexia is a reading disorder that is based in vision problems, which causes people to read backward or mix up letters like “b” and “d.”



Dyslexia is a brain-based disorder associated with impairments in the brain regions associated with manipulation of sounds, *not* vision.

People with dyslexia cannot learn to read.



Reading may require more effort and academic support, but people with dyslexia *can* learn to read!

All students with dyslexia demonstrate the same problems with reading.



Dyslexia exists on a continuum and students demonstrate different levels of difficulty when learning to read.

Intelligent people can't have dyslexia.



People with a range of cognitive skills can have dyslexia, including those with average to above-average intelligence.

There is a silver bullet to remediate dyslexia.



Various data sources are used intentionally to intensify and individualize intervention to fit student needs.

We can predict when a child has a dyslexia.



Dyslexia *cannot* be predicted but it is often genetically linked, and a key indicator is difficulty reading.

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