

# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

## dyslexia

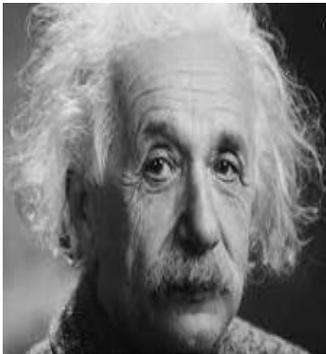
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Dyslexia is a learning difficulty which primarily affects reading and writing skills. However, it does not only affect these skills. Dyslexia is actually about information processing. Dyslexic people may have difficulty processing and remembering information they see and hear, which can affect learning and the acquisition of literacy skills. Dyslexia can also impact on other areas such as organisational skills.

It is important to remember that there are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields.

### Famous People with Dyslexia



Albert Einstein



Whoopi Goldberg



Daniel Radcliffe



Walt Disney



Tom Holland



Holly Willoughby



Lewis Hamilton

# 10 Things Every Child With Dyslexia Wants You To Know

1. I am not stupid or lazy. I need time to get things done.

2. I may be dyslexic but I can still shine in lots of ways.

3. It might take me a long time to 'get it' but when I 'get it' it sticks!

4. When you break things down into smaller steps I find it really, really helpful.

5. Sometimes I just need to work in a different way to the others in class to get the job done.

6. I try my best but do get frustrated. I need you to be patient with me.

7. My dyslexia does not only affect my literacy skills.

8. I find visual reminders helpful as I sometimes find remembering everything a bit tricky..

9. I often like to work in a quiet room as I can find noises distracting.

10. My dyslexia is just one part of my character. It does not define who I am or want to be.

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"I know you really struggle with reading sometimes. It seems that the words just don't make sense. This difficulty is called dyslexia — a big word to explain why some children and adults find it hard to learn to read, write and spell."

"You're just as smart as other children. Your brain just works a little differently. A lot of children also have trouble reading and dyslexia does not keep you from being great at other things — like being a science star and an awesome goalie."

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