

Dyslexia Awareness: Breaking Through Barriers

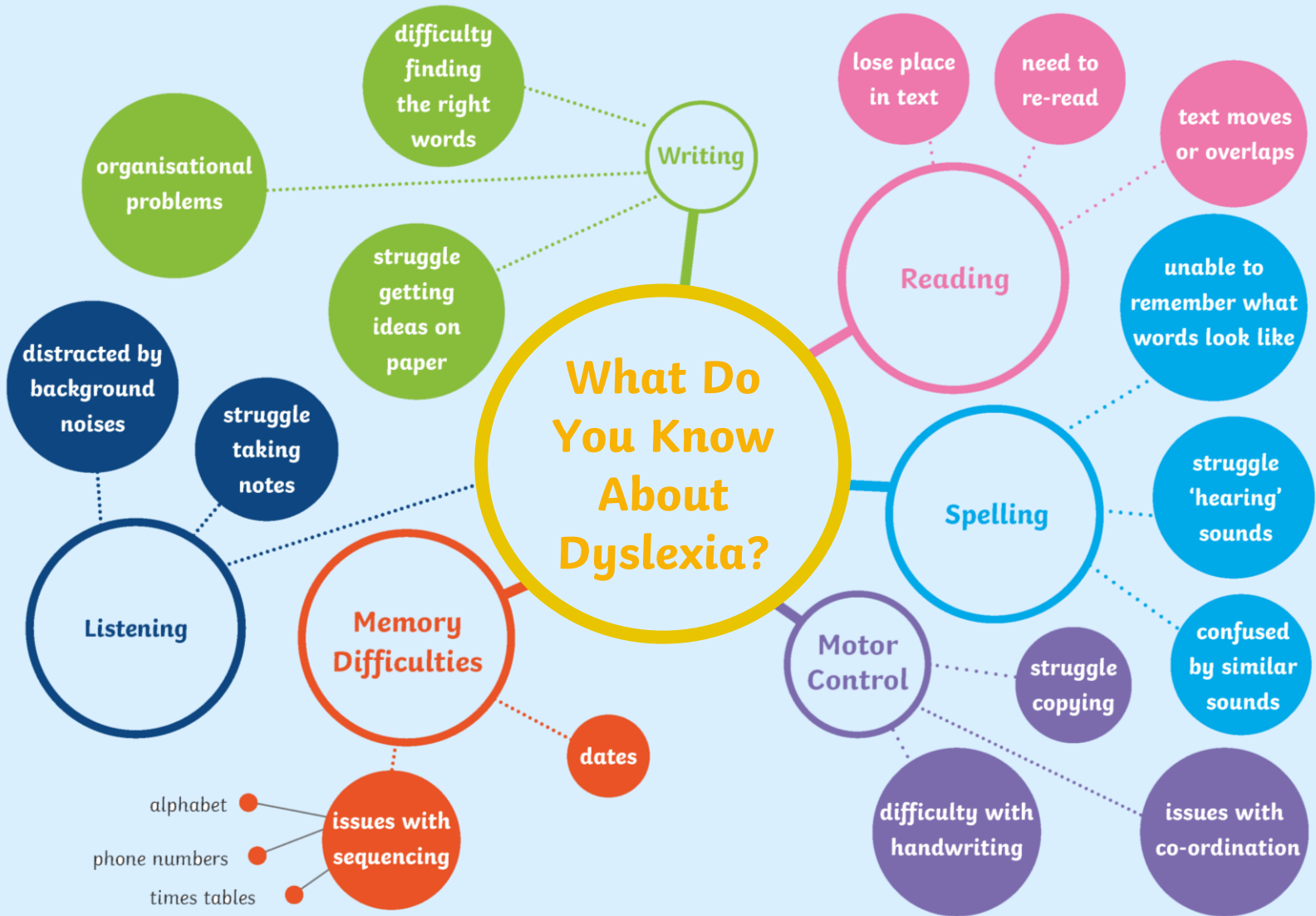
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What Do You Know About Dyslexia?



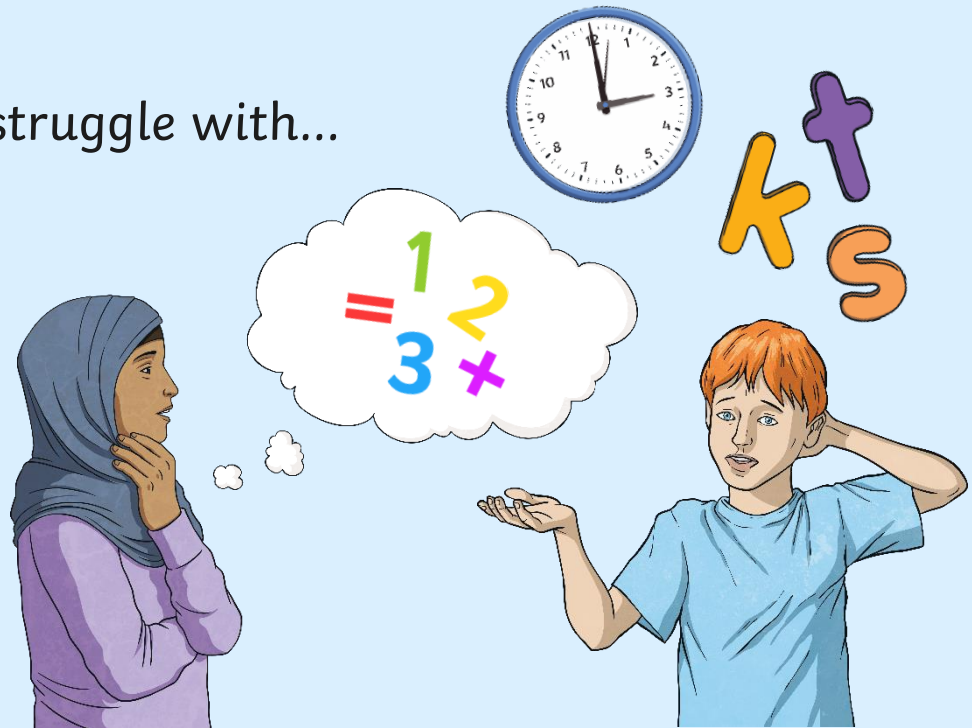
What Is Dyslexia?

Dyslexia is...

- A specific learning difficulty that alters the way the brain processes written words. This makes it difficult to recognise, spell and decode words.

People with dyslexia may struggle with...

- Organisation
- Reading
- Writing
- Maths
- Telling the time
- Spelling



Here is some information about Dyslexia.

A friend who has dyslexia described to me how she experiences reading. She can read, but it takes a lot of concentration, and the letters seem to "jump around".

I remembered reading about Typoglycemia. Wouldn't it be possible to do it interactively on a website with JavaScript? Sure it would.

Feel like making a bookmarklet of this or something? Find it on Github.

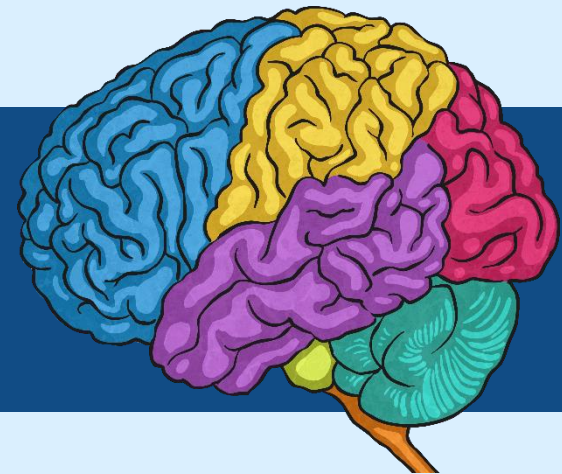
Dyslexia is characterized by difficulty with learning to read fluently and with accurate comprehension despite normal intelligence. This includes difficulty with phonological answers, phonological decoding, processing speed, orthographic coding, auditory short-term memory, language skills/verbal comprehension, and/or rapid naming.

Developmental reading disorder (DRD) is the most common learning disability. Dyslexia is the most recognized of reading disorders, however not all reading disorders are linked to dyslexia.

Have You Met Anyone with Dyslexia?

- People with dyslexia may struggle at school. Offer them encouragement or support. Ask your friend if they understand the teacher's instructions or offer support if they ask you how to spell a word.
- Dyslexia is not linked to intelligence. It is thought to be a genetic condition that is neurological and can't be cured.
- Many people with dyslexia have strengths in relationship building, critical thinking, creative endeavours and problem solving.

Neurological means linked to the nervous system. The nervous system is also called the 'communication system' and is made up of your brain, spinal cord and nerves.



How Many People in Australia Are Affected by Dyslexia?

Statistics from the Australian Dyslexia Association suggest that dyslexia affects around 10% of the Australian population. That is one in ten people.

This means dyslexia affects at least three students in every Australian classroom.



Who Is the Most Famous Australian with Dyslexia?

Kerry Packer was an Australian media tycoon. During his career he would have been considered the wealthiest and most powerful person in Australia. He had a reputation as a very sharp business person.

Kerry Packer talked openly about his dyslexia diagnosis. He struggled at school and was often in trouble. He was even forced to repeat a year of primary school and he thought he was 'academically stupid'. However, Kerry's business success in later life proves that this was not true. He was not 'stupid', he just had learning differences that sadly were not recognised or understood when he was a boy.



Are There Other Celebrities with Dyslexia?



Jamie Oliver

What Advice Would an Adult Give to a Young Person with Dyslexia?



“It is time we lost the stigma around dyslexia. It is not a disadvantage; it is merely a different way of thinking.”

- Richard Branson