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Information for Students



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<u>What is Dyslexia?</u>



The word 'dyslexia' comes from the Greek and means 'difficulty with words'. It affects around 1 in every 10 people.

Dyslexia occurs in people of all abilities, and varies from person to person: no two people will have the same set of strengths and weaknesses.



Dyslexia is a difficulty that mainly affects the skills involved in word reading and spelling. This often causes

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difficulties with processing of information.

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Many famous and successful people are dyslexic!

People with dyslexia are often problem solvers, inventors, artists, dancers or musicians.

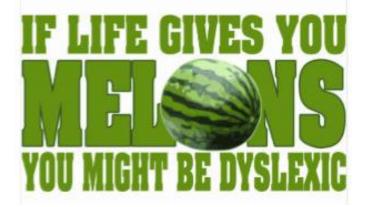


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How it feels to be Dyslexic

'When I am reading, sometimes a passage will get all jumbled up and when it happens I have to read and reread the passage over again.'

'I have the right ideas, but I can't get them down on paper.'



"The advantage is that my brain sees and puts information in my head differently, more interestingly than if I saw like everyone else."

- Whoopi Goldberg on her Dyslexia

<u>If you have Dyslexia</u>



You may not;

 be able to copy accurately from the board

• find it easy to get your ideas down in writing

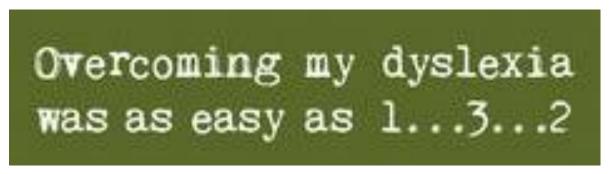
 produce written work that matches your ability

read accurately and fluently

You may;

• find it difficult to remember the spellings of words

- find it difficult to follow a timetable
- find it hard to follow directions
- find it hard to write clearly in a joined fashion
- find letter/number sequencing hard



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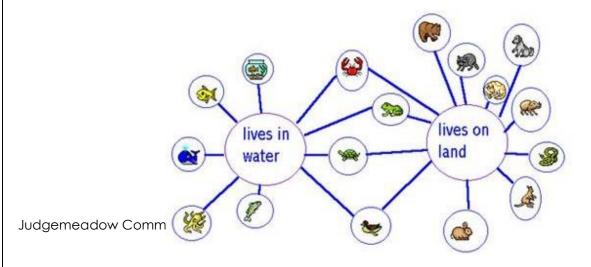


Strategies to Help Yourself

There are many strategies you can use to help overcome difficulties. **You can**:

 ask for help if you are not sure what you need to do

- divide homework into small chunks
- attend after-school homework sessions in the LRC
- •use thinking maps, bullet pointing and post-it notes to record your ideas
- •use highlighting for important information in texts
- learn to touch type
- check your work carefully for missed words or misteaks mistakes





<u>Judgemeadow is a</u> Dyslexia-friendly School

A dyslexia-friendly school teaches students how to study by helping them understand and organise their own learning.

At Judgemeadow we;

- •use coloured paper and when possible dyslexia-friendly texts
- give time for homework to be recorded at the end of lessons
- encourage use of thinking maps and other ways of recording ideas
- provide homework support
- identify and monitor students who may show signs of dyslexia

encourage students to become as independent as possible



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Many people with dyslexia have great strengths too;

'I often see things from a different perspective.'

'I come up with solutions no-one else has thought of and I think fast on my feet.'



Further information is available from Support for Learning and the **British Dyslex!a** Association

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British Dyslexia Association website: <u>www.bdadyslexia.org.uk</u>

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