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# **Information for Students**



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### What is Dyslexia?



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

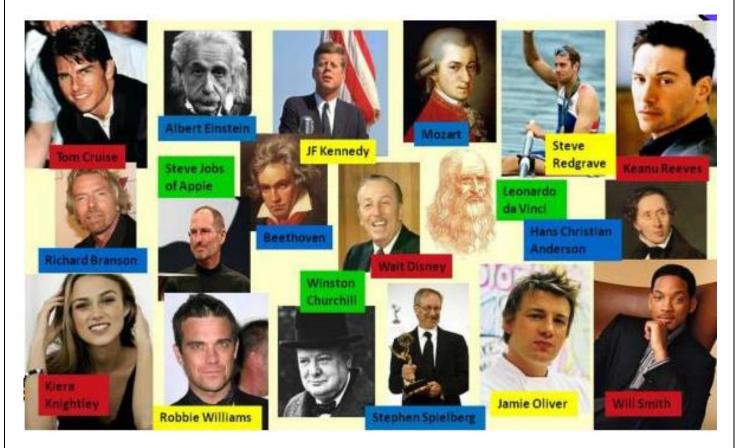
Dyslexia occurs in people of all abilities, and varies from person to person: no two people will have the same set of strengths and weaknesses.



Dyslexia is a difficulty that mainly affects the skills involved in word reading and spelling. This often causes difficulties with processing of information.



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

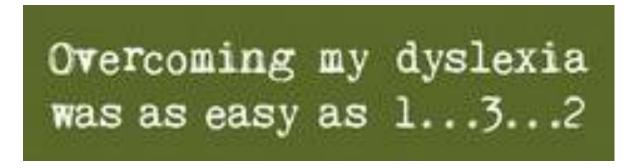
 produce written work that matches your ability

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



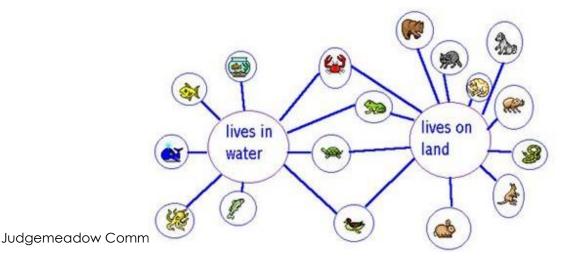
# Strategies to Help Yourself



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

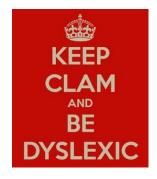
A dyslexia-friendly school teaches students how to study by helping them understand and organise their own learning.

- At Judgemeadow we;
  - •use dyslexia-friendly texts where possible
  - 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



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

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