Dyslexia Explained

“It's time we all understand dyslexia properly as a different way of thinking, not a disadvantage”.

Sir Richard Branson

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10 Facts you need to know about dyslexia

1. At least 1 in 10 people are dyslexic.

2. Dyslexia is genetic so it runs in families.

3. Dyslexic brains are ‘wired’ slightly differently meaning they have a different way of processing information.

4. This difference results in a pattern of strengths like critical thinking, creativity & communication skills.

5. It also results in challenges affecting traditional learning such as reading, writing, spelling, rote learning, memory, concentration.

6. Each dyslexic will have a different pattern of strengths & challenges.

7. Early identification is key to success in education & in preserving self-esteem.

8. If we place as much importance on dyslexic strengths as difficulties…they’ll likely go far!

9. 4 in 5 successful Dyslexics attribute Dyslexic Thinking Skills to their success.

10. We’ve known how to identify & support dyslexia since the 1930’s!
“Dyslexic Thinking has many benefits. If identified & supported dyslexics can achieve amazing things”.

Kate Griggs Founder, Made By Dyslexia
10 Reasons why it’s important to identify dyslexia

1. The earlier it’s identified & supported, the sooner kids catch up & keep up.

2. Screen or test as soon as parents, teachers or kids see a ‘problem’. Don’t wait.

3. Dyslexia can be identified from age 5 when severely dyslexic kids will show signs.

4. Less severe dyslexics may grasp early reading but struggle as their workload increases.

5. If there’s a mismatch in what a child seems capable of & what they produce get tested.


7. 4 in 5 dyslexics say that knowing they were dyslexic helped them understand their strengths & difficulties, & to develop perseverance.

8. 40% said they were aware they couldn’t do what their classmates could aged 5.

9. 70% said they were aware they couldn’t do what their classmates could aged 7.

10. Dyslexics often fail tests & exams despite having great knowledge & ability of subject:
    - 9 in 10 have poor spelling, grammar, punctuation, but can be great creative writers.
    - 3 in 4 struggle with times tables. But around half of dyslexics are great at maths.