

# Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2020

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## 2-6 November 2020

This year, Dyslexia Scotland have chosen the theme **unlocking potential** to reflect the amazing and sometimes unexpected ways that pupils have shown resilience and adapted to our 'new normal' this year.



This animation by Dyslexia Scotland explains some of the challenges dyslexic children face and also highlights their **strengths and potential**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>



# WHAT IS Dyslexia?



Over half of the UK population has a very limited understanding of dyslexia and think it's just about getting letters back to front.

## Dyslexia is about abilities being out of balance

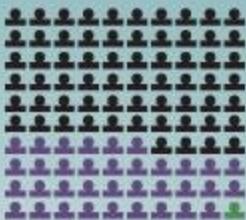
While dyslexics may struggle with:

- Organisational skills
- Planning and prioritising
- Time keeping
- Background noise



They may be brilliant at:

- Connecting ideas
- Thinking outside the box
- 3Dimensional thinking
- Seeing the big picture



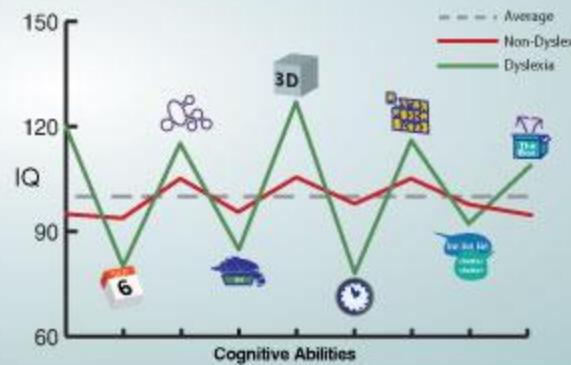
1% of corporate managers are dyslexic

35% of entrepreneurs are dyslexic



20% believe dyslexics would do better if they just worked HARDER

This is not True



Dyslexia is NOT tied to IQ

Your overall IQ can be anywhere in the range. The key difference is the spikes in the profile

It is estimated that

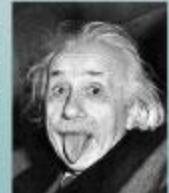
**1 IN 10**

people have dyslexia

Einstein was dyslexic

IQ = 160\*

\*estimated



Unlock your hidden genius by compensating for your weak points and learning to play to your strengths



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It is estimated that 1 in 10 people have dyslexia.

People with dyslexia can find things like reading, writing or remembering things tricky.  
However, it can also affect learning in other ways:

8 Non-Literacy Indicators of Dyslexia			
#1 Lacks Confidence & Self-Esteem 	#2 Poor Sense of Direction 	#3 Extreme Tiredness 	#4 Difficulty Telling Time 
#5 Poor Organisation 	#6 Poor Concentration & Easily Distracted 	#7 Distinguishing Left from Right 	#8 Ordering Days of Week 

Source: British Dyslexia Association

Dyslexia has nothing to do with how clever a person is...

...and there are good things that come with dyslexia!

Being dyslexic can be like having a **superpower**.  
Although dyslexia can make learning tricky sometimes, it can also provide amazing opportunities and abilities.



Here are 6 ways dyslexic children can unlock their potential through their 'superpowers'...

# Unlocking potential through superpowers!

## 1. Creativity

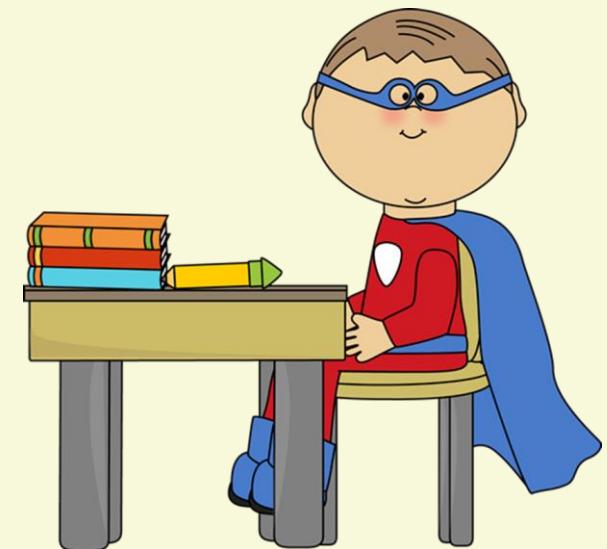
The majority of people with dyslexia have above average creative and imaginative skills



# Unlocking potential through superpowers!

## 2. Spatial Awareness

People with dyslexia often have the ability to manipulate 3D shapes in their minds





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## 3. Seeing the bigger picture

People with dyslexia often see a situation holistically, enabling them to focus on the important elements.



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## 4. Problem Solving

People with dyslexia can be fast problem solvers. They often think laterally and outside the box; providing unique methods for problem solving and offering valuable insight without getting lost in the detail.



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## 5. Recognising complex patterns in images

The dyslexic brain is generally larger than the typical brain, making it highly skilled in recognising patterns in images and remembering pictures. The dyslexic memory is brilliant at mechanical and technical construction and design.



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## 6. Entrepreneurship

Many of the world's influential entrepreneurs have dyslexia. Creativity, strategic thinking, combined with excellent verbal communication and problem solving skills is what makes dyslexic entrepreneurs successful.



## Some famous dyslexics:



Racing driver Lewis Hamilton



Chef Jamie Oliver



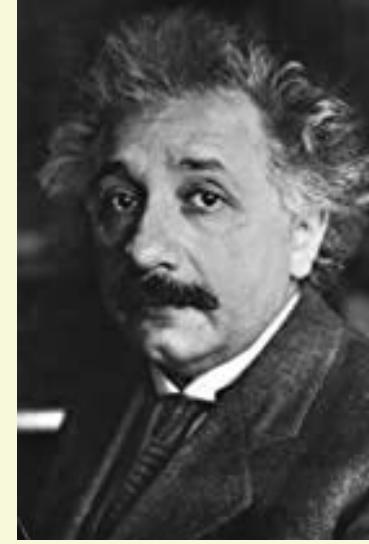
Film Director Steven Spielberg



Musician Mollie King from  
The Saturdays



Actor Will Smith



Mathematician and  
physicist Albert Einstein

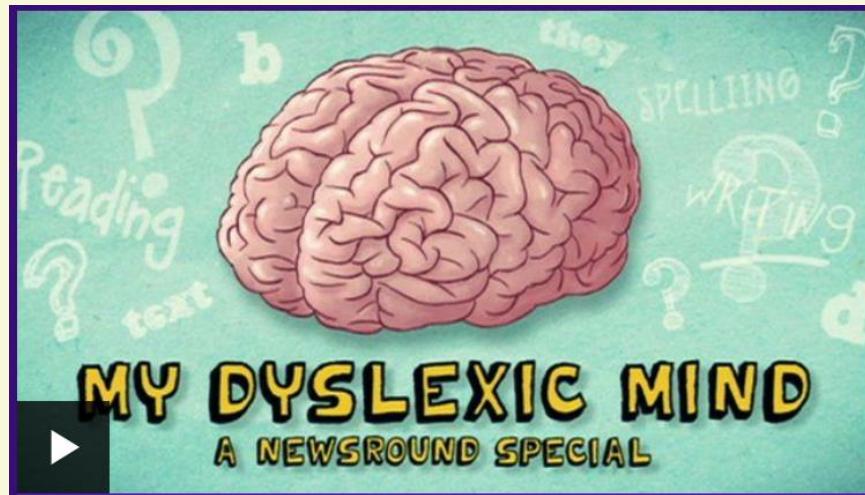


Actor Whoopi Goldberg

BBC Newsround reported on what it is like to be dyslexic.

Click the link to find out more and see the 'My Dyslexic Mind' video

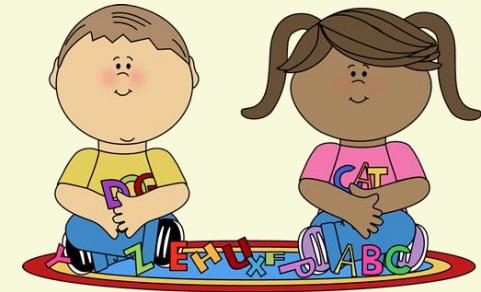
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## Some spelling ideas to support your child (whether they are dyslexic or not):

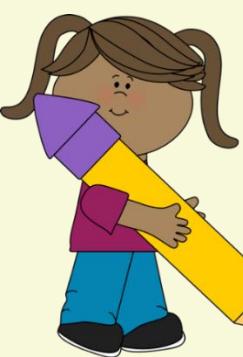
**Memory Aid:** Use mnemonics to create something your child can associate a word with.

e.g. because = **B**ig **E**lephants **C**an **A**lways **U**nderstand **S**mall **E**lephants



**Use Different Senses:** Research shows that children with dyslexia learn best when they engage all their senses. E.g. writing words with fingers in a tray of sand or rice, using a paint brush with water on a paving stone.

**Word history:** Look at a word's derivation and show your child why it's spelled so strangely.



**Word search:** Ask your child to locate a word they have learned in one of their books.

**Artistic flair:** Some children learn better when they connect the word to an image. They could make their own poster or character out of a word.

**Keep it manageable:** Introduce 1 new word at a time and don't add more until that one is known securely.



<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/dyslexia-friendly-books>

## Books for dyslexic children

It can be difficult to find the right book at the right reading level for a child with dyslexia.

LoveReading4Kids.co.uk has created a list of some super-readable titles which are also dyslexia friendly.

They are all specifically written to help readers who have visual stress and for dyslexic readers to enjoy reading.

The books are grouped in age ranges which represent the interest age of the books, whilst the reading age for each title is detailed within the review. This generally ranges between 5 and 8 years. The Interest Age (IA) and Reading Age (RA) are also shown subtly on the back of every book running down the right-hand edge of the barcode.



# Dyslexia Unwrapped

<https://unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/>

Dyslexia Unwrapped is a website created by Dyslexia Scotland for children and young people.

The site offers a wealth of advice and guidance aimed at specific age groups.



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