

Dyslexia: Common Misconceptions

Misconception	Fact
Dyslexics are lazy.	It is the opposite. Dyslexics are often working harder than peers, especially while reading, writing, or spelling.
Dyslexics can't read.	Dyslexics can read, when taught properly, although reading may be slow or slower than average.
Dyslexics hate reading.	Although reading can be frustrating for dyslexics, many enjoy it, especially once they have the right support.
Dyslexia means words and letters are arranged in a different order or backwards.	Words appear printed the same to dyslexics as to anyone else.
Dyslexics read everything flipped.	Words and numbers appear in the same order as printed. However it is common for dyslexics to confuse letters that look similar (ex. p & q or b & d)
Words bounce around the page.	The words stay in place.
Dyslexia is a disability.	Although defined a disability, it is better to say learning difference.
Dyslexics are naturally not as intelligent.	Dyslexics are extremely intelligent, and excel in many ways inside the classroom and out.
Dyslexics can't pronounce words properly.	Although dyslexics can have speech issues, dyslexia does not affect speech.
Dyslexics can only have jobs that don't involve reading.	Dyslexics can have any job. Just look at all the famous people with dyslexia with high literacy jobs.
You can grow into it.	Dyslexia is something you are born with.
Dyslexia goes away.	Dyslexia is for life.
Dyslexia is more common in boys than girls.	Although boys are diagnosed more, dyslexia is equally common in boys and girls.