

Dyslexia: What Is It?

Dyslexia is a reading disability that is neurobiological in its origin that affects phonemic awareness, phonological processing, spelling, fluency, accuracy, comprehension and is unexpected.

Mindsets

Sometimes we...

- Have frustrations
- Forget that children must overcompensate so much to "get it"
- Get upset that we need to work harder
- Wonder: "Why is this so hard for me?"
- Need to ask ourselves: How is intelligence displayed?
- Forget to empower our children

What if we...

- Look at the weaknesses for strengths?
- Make a list of all the things we can do?
- Focus on how knowledge can be power?
- Realize that more is not better?
- Stop seeing dyslexia as not learning, but rather continue to look at it as a language processing issue?

How Can Parents Boost Kids' Self Confidence?

- **Celebrate victories**
- **Make practice at home fun**
- **Let them see your weaknesses**
- **Talk about ALL the successful people who have had dyslexia**
- **Don't make it harder for them**
- **Try to be patient and flexible**
- **Routines are good**
- **Let them know you're their biggest fan club**

Strengths of Dyslexic Learners

- **Highly aware of the environment;**
- **Highly curious;**
- **Great intuition and insightful;**
- **Thinking and perceiving multi-dimensionally (using all the senses);**
- **A lively imagination;**
- **Easy adoption of change;**
- **Holistic, see the big picture, don't get lost in details, get to the important aspects;**
- **See patterns, connections, and similarities very easy;**
- **Concentration;**
- **Can be very driven, ambitious and persistent;**
- **Superior reasoning;**
- **Capable of seeing things differently than others;**
- **Love for complexity;**
- **Simultaneous multiple thought processing;**
- **Not following the crowd;**
- **The ability of visual, spatial and lateral thinking;**
- **Creativity.**