

COMMON DYSLEXIA MYTHS



MYTHS	REALITY
People with dyslexia cannot read.	Students with dyslexia can learn to read and succeed in school.
Dyslexia cannot be identified until at least third grade.	At-risk indicators for dyslexia may be identified as early as age five.
Children will outgrow dyslexia	Dyslexia is a lifelong challenge. Early intervention matters.
Individuals with high intellectual ability cannot have dyslexia.	Many highly intelligent people have dyslexia; intelligence does not predict dyslexia.
Dyslexia is related to ethnic background or family income.	Dyslexia occurs in people of all backgrounds.
Dyslexia is a rare disorder.	About 5-8% (some estimate 15-20%) of the population has mild to severe dyslexia.
Young children who reverse letters have dyslexia.	Most master letter-sound correspondences with practice. Not all individuals with dyslexia reverse letters.
Dyslexia is seeing things backwards.	Dyslexia is more complex than seeing text backwards.

