



DYSLEXIA

THE AMAZING GIFT

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ABOUT DAVEED GITTENS

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- ◉ What Dyslexia is
- ◉ Common Misconceptions
- ◉ The Dyslexic Brain
- ◉ Advantages and Challenges Related to Dyslexia
- ◉ Recognizing Dyslexia
- ◉ Managing Dyslexia
- ◉ Famous Dyslexic Persons

WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

- ◉ Dyslexia is a learning disability
- ◉ It usually manifests as problems with reading.
- ◉ A dyslexic person's brain processes information differently, hence learning must be different.
- ◉ Dyslexic persons use the right side of the brain much more than the left side

MISCONCEPTIONS OF DYSLEXIA

- ◉ Dyslexic persons are not intelligent
- ◉ Dyslexia is rare
- ◉ Dyslexia is outgrown
- ◉ Dyslexic persons are just lazy
- ◉ Dyslexic persons see backwards



THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BRAIN

- ⦿ Rationalizes
- ⦿ Organizes information
- ⦿ Matches a letter with its sound
- ⦿ Handles information that comes into your brain in strings
- ⦿ Separates a word into its individual sounds
- ⦿ Understands grammar and syntax.

THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BRAIN

- Creativity
- Imagination
- Picture-based thinking



ADVANTAGES OF DYSLEXIA

- ◉ Interconnected Reasoning
- ◉ Narrative Reasoning
- ◉ Material Reasoning
- ◉ Dynamic Reasoning



CHALLENGES WITH DYSLEXIA

- ◉ Difficulty reading and understanding what is read
- ◉ Difficulty understanding traditional teaching methodology
- ◉ Easily distracted
- ◉ Poor time management
- ◉ Poor working memory
- ◉ Low self-esteem

RECOGNISING DYSLEXIA

- ◉ The inability to recognize letters and words.
- ◉ Difficulty expressing oneself on paper.
- ◉ Difficulty copying sentences and sequences.
- ◉ Difficulty remembering strings of information.
- ◉ Problems sounding out words.
- ◉ Visual disturbances when reading.
- ◉ Poor handwriting

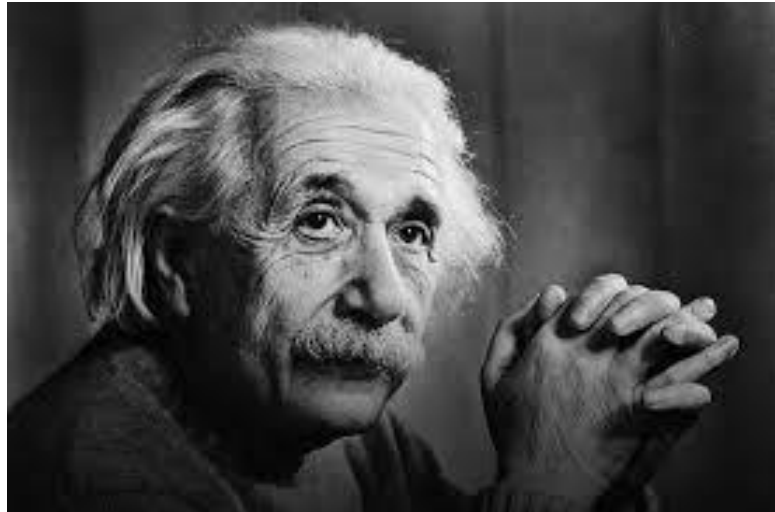


MANAGING WITH DYSLEXIA

- ◉ Get specialised training from a dyslexic learning centre.
- ◉ Use repetition to put things into long-term memory.
- ◉ Notify your school of your condition.
- ◉ For exams, ask for extra time.
- ◉ Focus on your strengths.
- ◉ Have a positive attitude.

FAMOUS DYSLEXIC PERSONS

- ◉ Albert Einstein
- ◉ Thomas Edison
- ◉ Leonardo da Vinci
- ◉ Sir Richard Branson
- ◉ Pablo Picasso
- ◉ Muhammad Ali
- ◉ Jamie Oliver
- ◉ Walt Disney



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THANK YOU