Dyslexia is...

- A brain-based issue that makes it hard to learn to read accurately and fluently.
- A lifelong condition. Kids don’t outgrow dyslexia, but with the right support, key skills can improve.
- A common learning issue. Many successful people have it, and researchers have been studying it for over a century.

Dyslexia is not...

- A problem of intelligence. Kids with dyslexia are just as smart as their peers.
- A problem of vision. The core issue involves understanding how the sounds in words are represented by letters.
- A problem of laziness. Kids with dyslexia are already trying hard. They need more help to make progress.

Ways to help kids with dyslexia

- Multisensory structured literacy instruction engages kids through sight, hearing, movement and touch.
- Accommodations help kids learn and show what they know, like doing an oral report instead of a written assignment.
- Assistive technology tools, like audiobooks and text-to-speech apps, can help level the playing field for struggling readers.

Success stories

- Salma Hayek, Oscar-nominated actress
- Daymond John, Shark Tank star and CEO of FUBU
- Carol Greider, Nobel Prize–winning scientist

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