

## **WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?**

Dyslexia is an unexpected difficulty in learning to read in a person who has good intelligence, strong motivation, and who has received appropriate teaching.

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability. It refers to a cluster of symptoms that result in difficulties with specific language skills, especially decoding, reading comprehension and/or reading fluency. Dyslexia can be mild or severe.

## YOU MAY BE DYSLEXIC IF YOU

- Read slowly and with much effort
- ...But are often the one to solve the problem
  - Can't spell; have messy handwriting
- ...But your writing shows terrific imagination
- Have trouble remembering dates and names
- ...But you grasp the big picture and demonstrate out-of-the-box thinking
  - Have difficulty retrieving and pronouncing spoken words
    - ...But have excellent vocabulary and ideas
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