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Behind the Scenes

This is the progress, and the steps to our project.

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01 Video

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02 Focus



Topic	Dyslexia
Focus	Focusing on the world from a person with dyslexia's perspective.
Audience	Elementary
Presentation	Short Movie
Research Questions	1.What does a dyslexic person see? 2.What is dyslexia? 3.What are the effects of dyslexia? 4.What are the symptoms of dyslexia? 5.What causes dyslexia? 6.How can we treat a person with dyslexia? 7.Why do dyslexic people use colored paper? 8.Why do they have spelling issues? 9.How do we make dyslexic people feel accepted?
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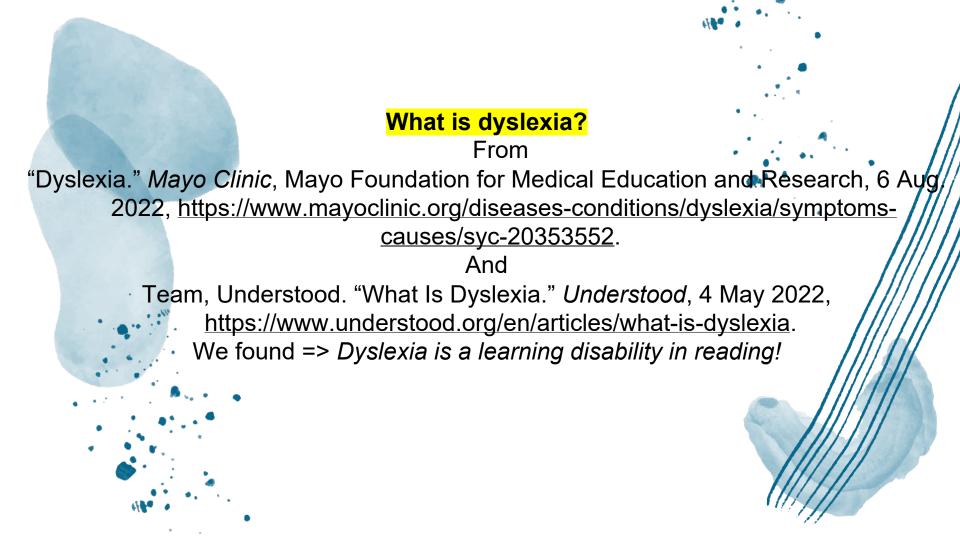


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Research

Citations and crosschecking





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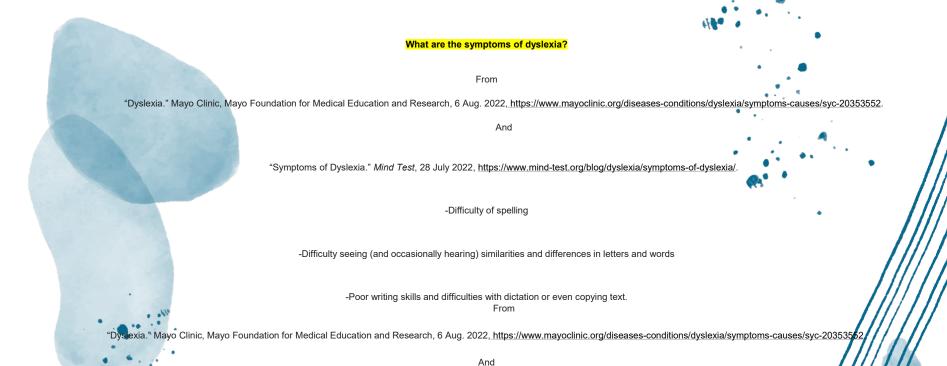
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-Avoid reading out loud.

-Confuse words that sound alike.

-Not be able to sound out words..



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We found => Acknowledge their effort and celebrate hard work, even if there are still mistakes and be extremely supportive and encouraging and help them recognise their strengths and DON'T discourage them which will ruin their self-image and DO combat negative self-talk

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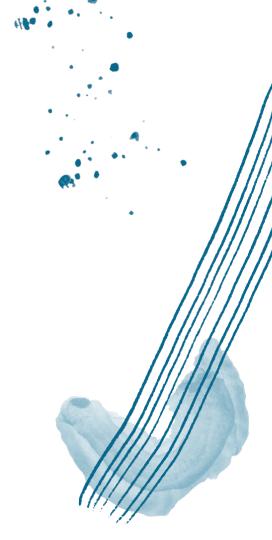
We found => Increasing vocabulary of recognised and understood words helps

We conclude => using assistive technology such as listening to audiobooks and increasing vocabulary of recognised and understood words helps



04 Script

The script we used to follow the video



Tia: Hello students! Let's play a little game! Try to read what's written in these photos. (hand position)

Could you do it? This is what people that have ____

Jana: CORONAVIRUS! (In a very exaggerated, fun and loud noise)

[•]Tia: NO!

· Muna: A FEVER!

Tia: WHAT? NO!

Nabeel: Dyslexia!

Jana: Dyslexia?

Muna: What is that? (Insert question GIF)

Nabeel: Dyslexia is a learning disability in reading! It affects many

parts of life! Let's learn more!

Muna: Oh! I know what dyslexia is! People with dyslexia see letters backwards. (hand movement) Can you read this word? (pause for 3 seconds) It says backward! How ironic!

Tia: Did you know that people with dyslexia use colored paper? (Throw colored paper) It decreases visual stress which decreases other symptoms! Nabeel: But what are the symptoms?

Jana: The symptoms are: Difficulty seeing and sometimes speaking! They also have poor writing skills!

Another symptom is poor spelling skills!

- Tia: What do you mean poor spelling skills?
 - Jana: Time for a skit! (Insert woohoo picture) (dramatic transition) (Nabeel and Muna please change your hair and outfits in an extremely exaggerated manner.)
- Nabeel *Teacher Edition*: Good morning students! What a lovely day! Time for a spelling test!

Muna *Student Edition*: Um, Mr. Alexander?

Nabeel *Teacher Edition*: What?

- Muna *Student Edition*: I have dyslexia! I can't spell easily!
 - Nabeel *Teacher Edition*: Please try! I won't grade it for you.

Muna *Student Edition*: Uh oh Nabeel *Teacher Edition*: Raise your hand to answer. First word is DOG!

Muna *Student Edition*: (Raises Hand)

Nabeel: Sarah!

Muna: Is it D - (Waits for 2 seconds) - G - X

Nabeel *Teacher Edition*: (Jaw drops to the ground) No!

(Another insane transition)

Tia: Time to find out more about the effects of dyslexia!

Jana: Let's go! They have messy handwriting! (Hand position)

Also, they don't like reading out loud! They can't tell the difference between words that have similar sounds such as moon and spoon.

Nabeel: They also can't sound out words like alpha (clap) a (clap) bet (clap) Jana: Let's find out more about the causes of dyslexia!

- Muna: The brains of people with dyslexia are a little different than other people's brains.
 This causes dyslexia!
- Tia: As you saw in the skit, people with dyslexia can't spell easily. Why is that? Because they can't match sounds they hear to the letters they write.
 - Muna: There is a chance that you don't have dyslexia, but your friend or classmate does. It's important to make sure that they feel accepted. Are you wondering how to do that?
 - I'll tell you! You should appreciate their effort and celebrate all of their hard work!
 - Nabeel: You should also tell them what they're good at. Don't point out every mistake they make. Let them believe in themselves and stop them when they talk badly about themselves. Only allow positive talk

Jana: Dyslexia has no cure when it comes to medicine, but we can use devices and technology to help them. Instead of giving them books, allow them to listen to books through audiobooks. Moreover, help them get comfortable with new vocabulary.

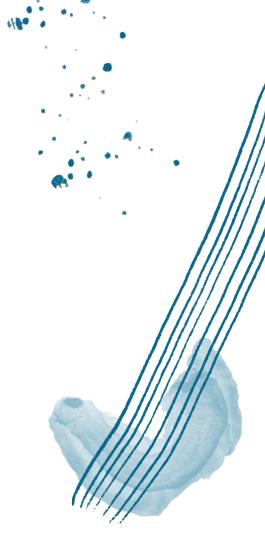
Tia: Don't be scared if you have dyslexia or if you know anyone with dyslexia! It's totally okay and normal!

- Jana: Go and get some help if dyslexia is stressing you out!
- Muna: Totally! You shouldn't be embarrassed to reach out and get some help.
- Nabeel: Also, you can meet other people with dyslexia!
 - Tia: Yes! Meeting people with similar experiences can solve so many issues! It makes people feel like they're a part of something, it also helps people fit in.
- Jana: If you got diagnosed with dyslexia recently, that's cool! Now that you watched this amazing video, you know exactly what to do and say!
 - Muna: You are amazing! You are powerful! You are strong! You are free! You are smart!
 You are awesome! You are determined!
 - Nabeel: if you have any questions feel free to email or call us. You can send us suggestions at www.DyslexialsAwesome.org
 - Muna: Remember to always raise awareness of dyslexia. Be nice to others. See you soon, goodbye!



05 Terminology

Note that we didn't use a lot of terminology due to our audience being elementary.





Terminology



Dyslexia

Learning disability



Diagnose

When you visit a doctor, and professionally find out your disease, sickness, etc.



Visual Stress

Strain on the eye

