

# Dyslexia

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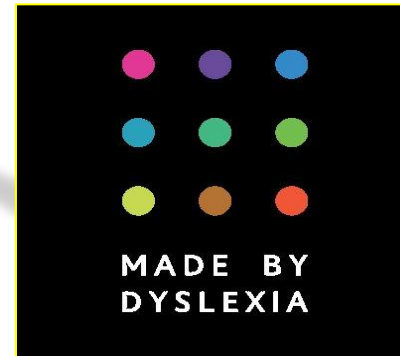
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# My Mission

Over the last week of the holidays I have been thinking about raising money for a charity.

So I told Mum about it and she suggested to search on the computer for a charity.

I came across **Made By Dyslexia**.



I thought this would be a good charity to fundraise for because I can relate to it.

# How I can relate to it

When I got my school report I was disappointed because I saw I hadn't met my maths standards. When I saw it I thought I was dumb.

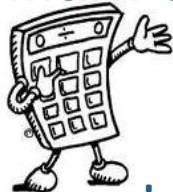


I thought I had tried so hard this term, but obviously not hard enough.

I tried to hide how disappointed I was, but Mum spotted a gutted look on my face.



That night Mum explained to me I had dyscalculia which comes under dyslexia. Well as Mum and I like to call it I've got a dysfunctional calculator!



I was unsure and worried and thought I could ignore it and it would go away.

# Understanding Dyslexia

When we went to my Optometrist, Jeremy Fox, he was really nice and explained to me in another way how my dyslexia was a positive thing.

He is also dyslexic so it was easier to understand from him. Now I understand dyslexia, I thought 'wow this isn't as bad, it's actually quite cool'.



# My Dyslexia

- ▶ For me with my dyslexia my words on my page jumble about even if I am wearing glasses.
- ▶ My maths is much harder for me and I just don't get it as well as other kids.
- ▶ Also with my times tables I know them but then they always will get forgotten even when I practise them a hundred times.
- ▶ When I get put on the spot I completely blank out even if it is the simplest question.
- ▶ If I have to review something again I start to stress and worry and I feel so disappointed in my self and angry and sad. But I try to hide it by locking it up inside me which makes me feel sick and then I can't focus the rest of the day. I have it trapped inside me until I am able to get it all out of me although there is always a quarter of it left in me. I would try the question again even if I do get it all wrong. By getting it out of me I work one on one with an adult and they will help me work through it.
- ▶ Some kids look at my writing and say 'Wow you write big' or 'that is messy writing' I don't actually mind anymore I think that this is the way I write and I don't care as long as I can read it although it does kill me a little inside but I don't find this as bad.



# What Is DYSLEXIA?

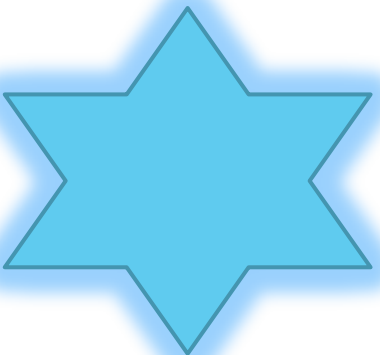
- ❑ Dyslexic minds process information in a different way due to physical differences of the brain.
- ❑ This difference results in a pattern of strengths like critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills.
- ❑ Also resulting in challenges affecting traditional learning like reading, writing, spelling, maths, memory and concentration.
- ❑ To be identified as having dyslexia you have to have a assessment done.



# Made By Dyslexia

**Made By Dyslexia** is a global charity led by successful dyslexics.

- ▶ They are developing campaigns, films, tools, and tests to explain dyslexic thinking.
- ▶ Richard Branson and Jamie Oliver are two of the driving forces behind it.
- ▶ Their purpose is to help the world properly understand and support dyslexia. I think this is important because it is thought that 1 in 10 people have dyslexia.





## Richard Branson and Jamie Oliver



Richard Branson and Jamie Oliver are both dyslexics but have achieved so much in life.

Richard Branson is a famous billionaire who owns up to 400 companies.  
Jamie Oliver is an amazing famous chef.

Richard Branson's quote about dyslexia is

'Being dyslexic can actually help in the outside world. I see some things clearer than other people do because I have to simplify things to help me and that has helped others'.

Jamie Oliver says

'School was a struggle for me, people just thought I was thick. I really needed someone to help me understand my strengths'.



# Focusing on our Strengths

This is a quote from Richard Branson that I quite liked.

“My advice for any young dyslexics is to ask your self ‘what’s the one thing I’m really good at .. what’s the one thing I really enjoy’ and then focus all your effort on that one thing and you will become really, really good at it. That will build your confidence and help you succeed”

It can be easy to get hung up on your weaknesses and compare yourself to other kids in the classroom which makes you feel dumb. You have to **STOP** doing this and always remember your **STRENGTHS**.

When you see someone struggling with their work, put yourself in their shoes and think how they could be feeling right now, and if you think you can help them go over and ask if they would like a hand.

## **BEING KIND IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN BE.**

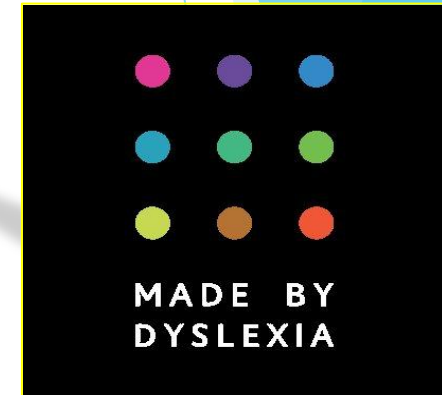
If you are ever struggling with school work or feeling anxious or trying to avoid school or anything like that **ALWAYS** make sure to tell a parent, teacher, friend or close family member or anyone, or even me! trust me I’ve been there. It is important to tell someone so you don’t get all worried and stressed out about it. Believe me you will feel so much better telling someone than not telling anyone at all.



# Supporting

To support the **Made By Dyslexia Charity** I will be holding a mufti day

I am very excited to be able to help support  
**Made By Dyslexia**  
as I believe it will help benefit so many people.



*QUOTE: We are told dyslexic children often become successful when they leave school... surely, we want them to experience success whilst they are there!*