



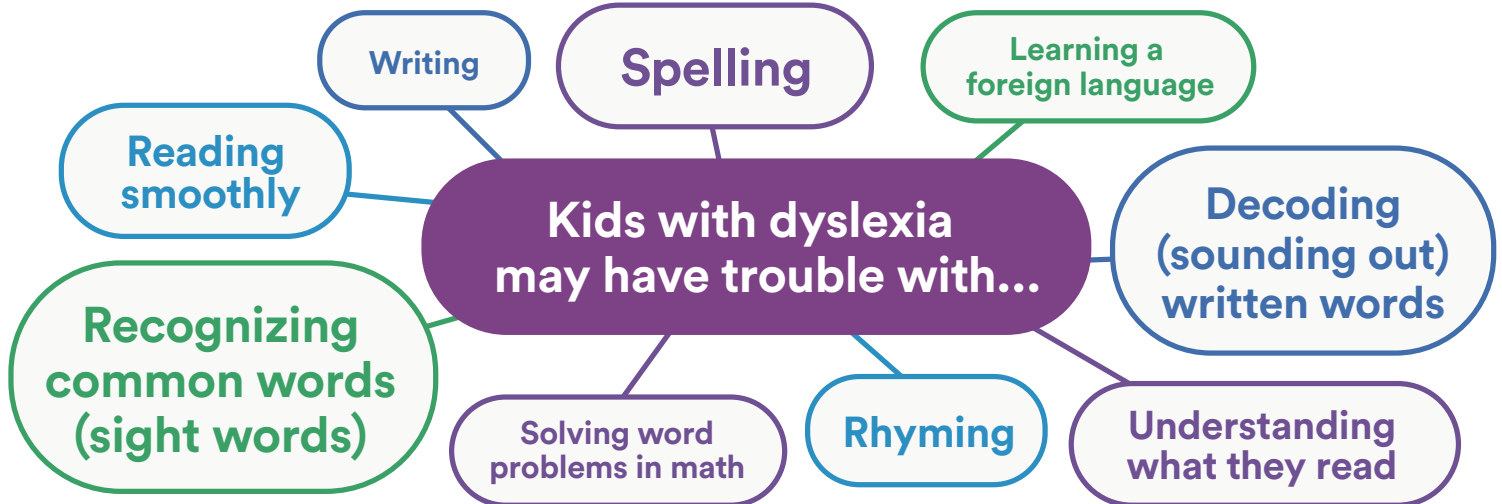
# Dyslexia Fact Sheet

## 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

