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Strengths of Dyslexia

When someone mentions the word “Dyslexia” people usually think of someone who finds it hard to read and spell, reverses their letters, are disorganised or forgetful. What they don’t think about are the advantages that dyslexics have over non-dyslexics

Specific Strengths

People with dyslexia is the ability to perceive the world from many perspectives, which enables visual-spatial thinking and special talents and skills to flourish in fields such as the arts, design, entrepreneurship, engineering, sciences, business and technology. Research has highlighted some positive aspects to being dyslexic:

- Great at visual thinking- thinking in pictures
- Fast problem solvers, able to think laterally
- Excellent trouble-shooters
- They are intuitive- good at reading people
- Verbally articulate- great communicators
- Creative- so many dyslexics are employed as designers, artists, actors, chefs
- Spatially talented - many dyslexics are employed as engineers, architects, designers, artists, mathematicians, physicists, physicians (esp. Surgeons and orthopaedists), and dentists.
- Dyslexic people frequently enjoy above average physical co-ordination skills

*For further reading see the research work of Julie Logan, Sally Shaywitz and Tom West

