

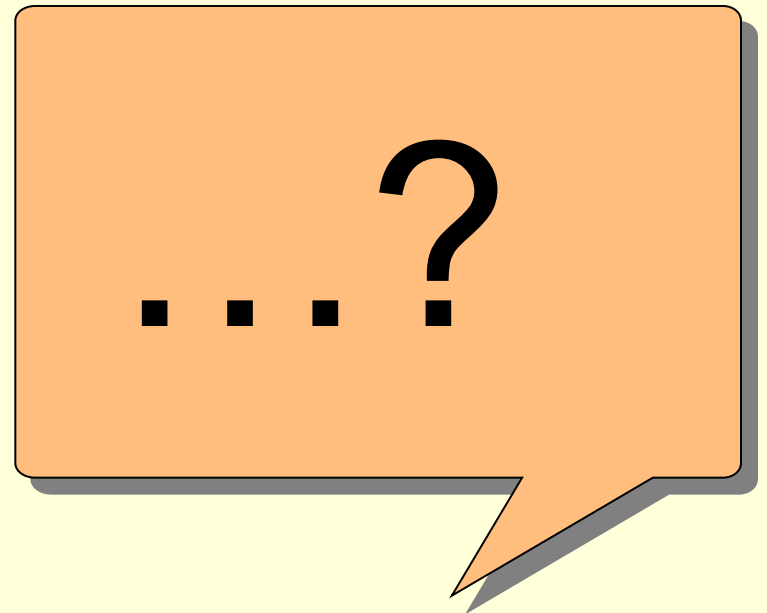
# Dyslexia

**Dyslexia affects 1 in 10 people. So there is probably someone with dyslexia in your class if not several!**

**However lots of people don't understand what it is. Hopefully, after this presentation you won't be one of them!**

# What is dyslexia.....

- The word '**Dyslexia**' is a Greek word...'difficulty with words' it's been around for hundreds of years!
- Some people think it's just about **reading, writing, numeracy** but it can affect your life in many ways



# People are born with dyslexia...

- Biological/Neurological: brain is 'wired' differently
- Dyslexic people use their brains in a different way.. Which can be good!
- Genetic – can be inherited, scientists have begun to identify 'dyslexic genes' Dyslexia often 'runs in the family'
- Dyslexia is real and people have to find different ways to live with it...

**That's a challenge but dyslexic people love challenges!**



# Gemma is dyslexic and this is how it affects her...



- I have difficulties reading, writing, spelling.
- I have some difficulties with maths.
- Sometimes I find it difficult to concentrate.
- I get letters or numbers mixed up.
- I have problems meeting deadlines or being on time.
- I can be quite forgetful.
- Have good and bad days.
- But I'm really good at subjects like art, music, drama, sports, building/designing.

# Dyslexia also gives Gemma lots of good things...



- Inventive thinker.. I come up with new ideas!
- Excellent trouble shooter...I'm good at solving problems
- Creative.. I love music art and drama
- Good communicators... I'm good at explaining my ideas
- Vivid imaginations
- Curiosity... I love finding out about new things

**How about you?**

Talk to your neighbour about what you're good at...



# Lots of famous and talented people have dyslexia!



# Challenges...



Sir Alan Sugar is a very successful businessman.

Some people say that he was good at solving problems and coming up with new ideas because he is dyslexic....



# Artistic...



Picasso is a world famous artist.

People say that he was such a brilliant artist because he was dyslexic...

# Inventive...

Henry Ford designed the first motor car

Some people say that he was so inventive because he had dyslexia...



# Creative...



Keira Knightley is a world famous actress.

Some people say that she is so creative because she has dyslexia...

# You're not alone...

People can feel bad about having dyslexia but remember that millions of people all over the world have dyslexia..



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# British Dyslexia Association

- Charities such as the British Dyslexia Association work hard with the government, schools and families to help people with dyslexia
- There is a lot of information on dyslexia on their website [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)
- For advice you can call their National Dyslexia Helpline: 0845 251 9002