

Shifting the Mindset : Developing Classroom Awareness



This animation seeks to preempt misconceptions among young audiences by shedding light on the real challenges dyslexic children face whilst also acknowledging their strengths and potential.

Very effective tool for teachers and students - <https://www.understood.org/en/tools/through-your-childs-eyes>

[The New Zealand Dyslexia Handbook](#) - Part 1: What is dyslexia? Misconceptions about Dyslexia.

Click here for [TKI Inclusive Education](#)

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A Shift in Mindset - Dyslexia is a Learning Preference

Neil McKay - Supports a *further shift* in thinking

[Dyslexia is not a disability.](#)

[The Right to be dyslexic - dyslexic is a learning preference](#)

Main Ideas :

- Dyslexia is not a 'difficulty', this is unhelpful thinking
- Dyslexia is now considered a *difference*
- Neil McKay argues dyslexia is a *preference*
- Dyslexia is normal
- We have *the right* to be dyslexic
- *Atypical not abnormal* thinking

[Neil McKay on Today Tonight](#)

[Demystifying Dyslexia - Neil McKay](#)

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n. A learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to recognize and comprehend written words.

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n. A learning advantage marked by the unique ability to recognise and comprehend complex visual patterns.

The way we see the problem is the problem. ~ Stephen R. Covey

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Shifting the Mindset (TED talks)

[The True Gifts of a Dyslexic Mind \(Dean Bragonier\)](#)



[The Creative Brilliance of Dyslexia \(Kate Griggs\)](#)



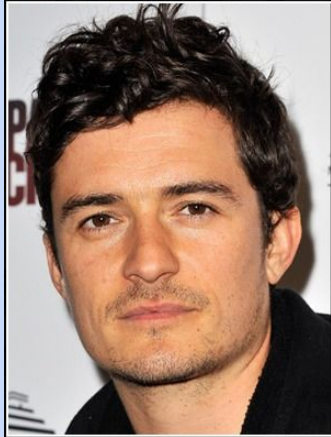
[The Gift of Dyslexia \(Julie Salisbury\)](#)



Young adults describe how determination and targeted support enabled them to overcome the obstacles of dyslexia.

<https://www.speld.org.nz/success-stories>

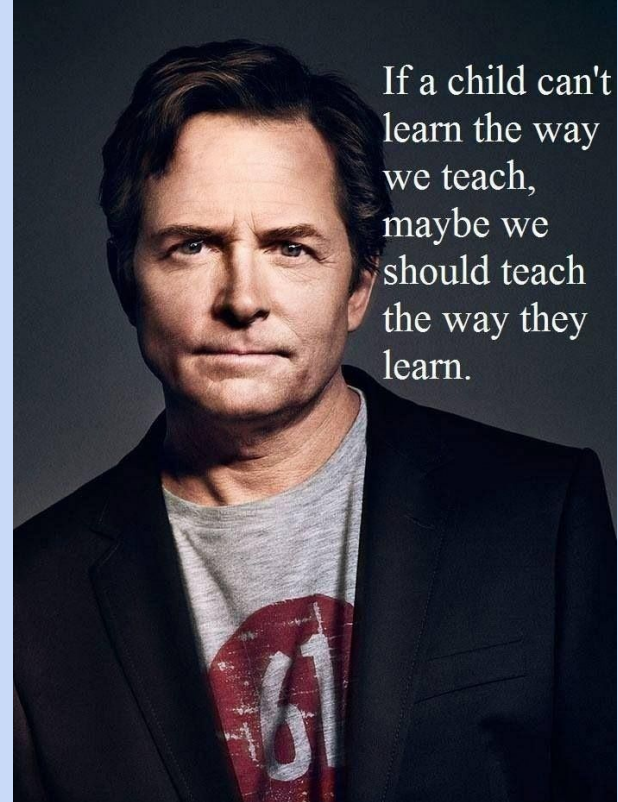
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Creativity is the key for any child with dyslexia, or for anyone for that matter. Then you can think outside of the box. Teach them anything is attainable. Let them run with what you see is whatever they need to run with.

— Orlando Bloom —

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If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.

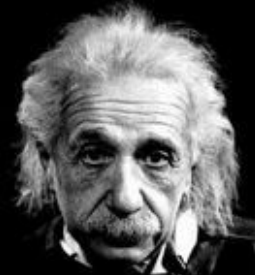
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“The advantage is that my brain sees and puts information in my head differently, more interestingly than if I saw like everyone else.”

- Whoopi Goldberg on her Dyslexia

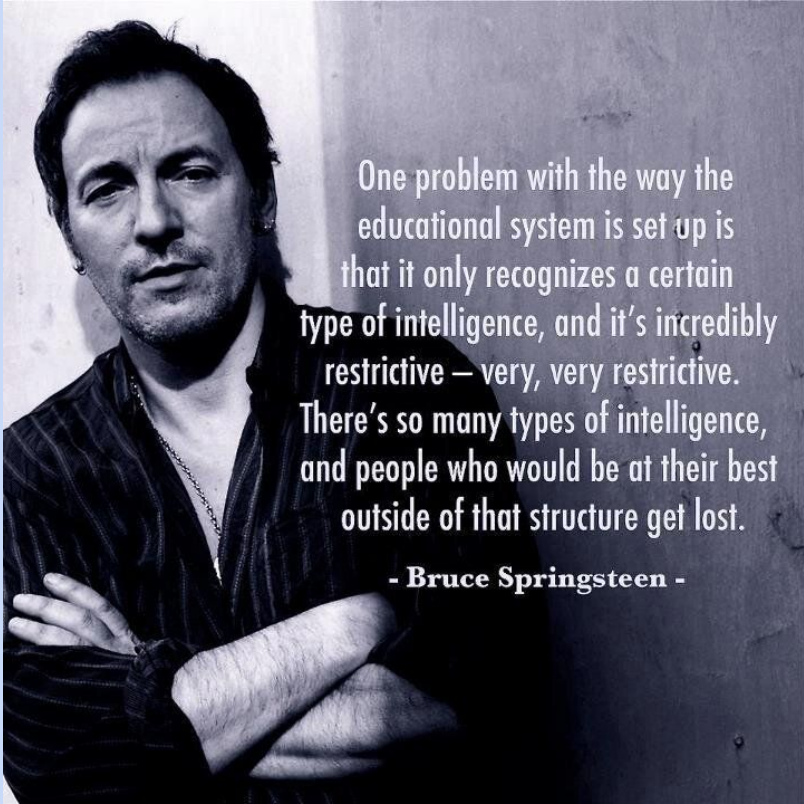
His teachers said that he was mentally slow,
unsociable, and adrift in his foolish dreams.



Albert Einstein

Most recognized and well-known scientists

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One problem with the way the educational system is set up is that it only recognizes a certain type of intelligence, and it's incredibly restrictive — very, very restrictive. There's so many types of intelligence, and people who would be at their best outside of that structure get lost.

- Bruce Springsteen -

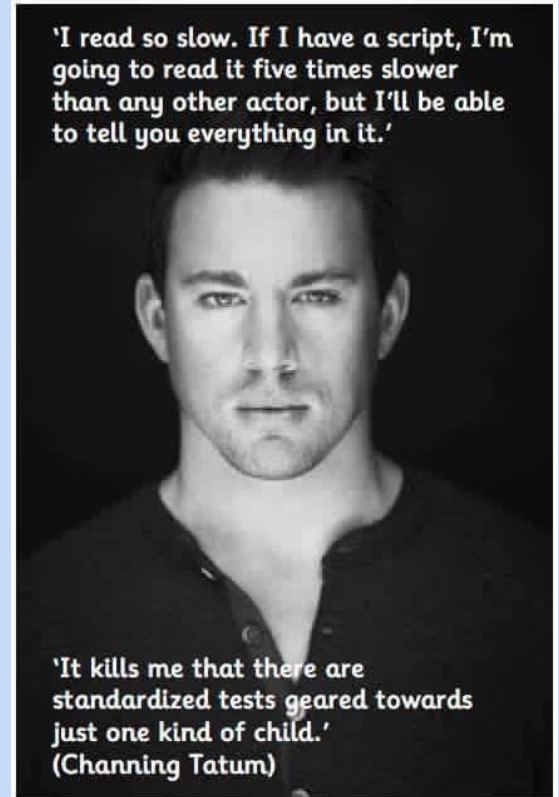
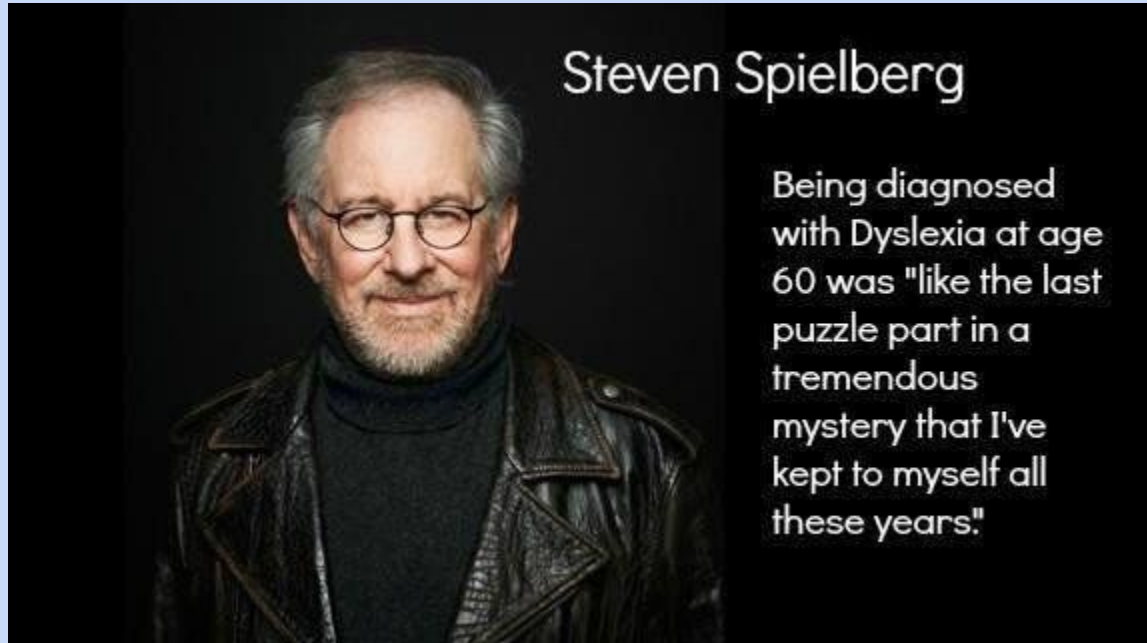


Being dyslexic can actually help in the outside world. I see some things clearer than other people do because I have to simplify things to help me and that has helped others.

— Richard Branson —

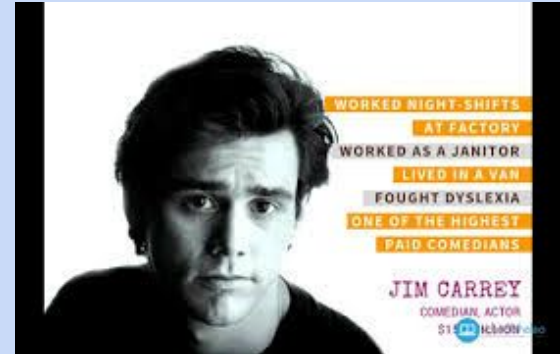
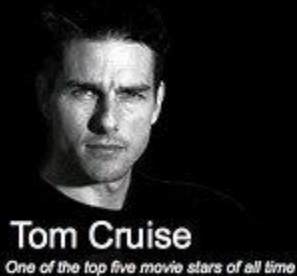
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“I'd try to concentrate on what I was reading, then I'd get to the end of the page and have very little memory of anything I'd read.”



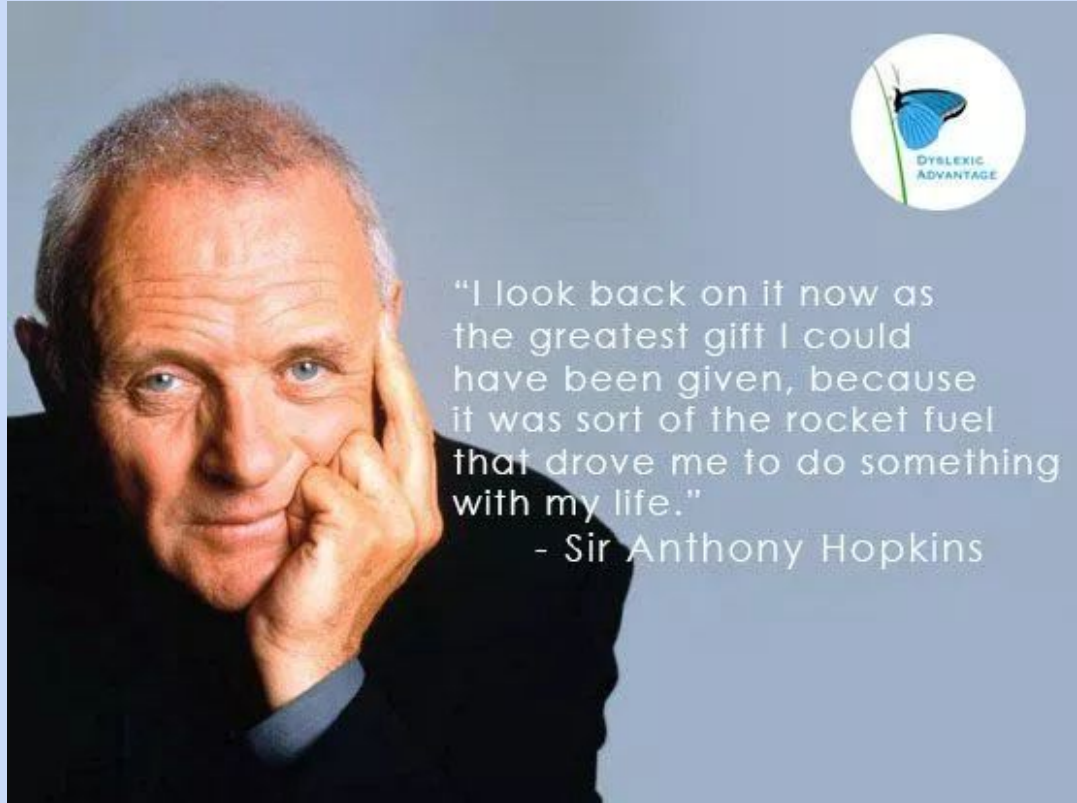
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"ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE,
IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM"

- Walt Disney



"I look back on it now as
the greatest gift I could
have been given, because
it was sort of the rocket fuel
that drove me to do something
with my life."
- Sir Anthony Hopkins



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Overcome Learning Disabilities <http://www.learningsuccessblog.com/learner>

A teacher sent the following note home with a six-year-old boy: “He is too stupid to learn.” That boy was Thomas A. Edison. ~ Thomas Edison (Dyslexic)

“The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.”

- Steve Jobs

He did, he lead and he was adopted

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“It was with great regret that I didn’t do better at school. People thought I was thick. It was struggle. I never really had anyone to help that understood dyslexia and who could bring out my strengths.”

Jamie Oliver