



The Many Strengths of Dyslexics

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- 1 Nothing affects your chances at succeeding in school like not having the skills to read, spell, and write. This is what **dyslexia** is all about. It can be the one **impediment** to achieving one's lifelong goals. But, what if we told you that being dyslexic has gifts that can help you excel? With the right approach and support, you can turn this challenge around.
- 2 In fact, some of the world's great thinkers, **entrepreneurs**, celebrities, and billionaires happen to be dyslexic. Read their stories for **insight** as to how they managed to go the distance. Hopefully, their stories will inspire you. Here are some of the advantages that are reported by successful dyslexics that may help you along the way.

1. **Strong memory for stories:** Some individuals with dyslexia recall facts as if reading a good storybook rather than just as a list of random data. Having narrative reasoning on your side may help improve your memory and help **integrate contextual** information better. Perhaps acting or writing is in your future!
2. **Excellent puzzle solving skills:** Dyslexics might struggle in the reading department, but when it comes to solving puzzles, many are pros. They accurately identify the right shape and figure out complex problems like no one else can ever do. Rather than being a **sequential** thinker going from one idea to the next, many dyslexics thrive in environments that allow and foster **simultaneous** thinking in which ideas are connected via different routes than a straight line. This is why we see so many entrepreneurs with dyslexia.
3. **Brilliant spatial reasoning:** The scientists at the University of East London found that young dyslexics are excellent at remembering a virtual environment when compared to non-dyslexics. In this regard, many dyslexics succeed in fields like engineering, industrial and graphic design, architecture, as well as construction.
4. **Great conversationalists:** Reading words might not be their strength, but many dyslexics are quite **profound** in reading people when interacting with them. They will tell you exactly what the problem is and how you can go about solving it. They are also quite considerate of other people's thoughts.
5. **Tremendous empathizers:** Many dyslexics are also quite sincere when it comes to their personality. The experiences as a result of the reading and writing challenges can cause them to feel more **empathic** toward others who may struggle.
6. **Wonderfully imaginative:** Dyslexics can really envision a fantastic view of the world. They make great use of their imaginations, **hence** all the artists, actors, and authors with dyslexia. They have a keen sense of curiosity and interest.
7. **Abstract thinkers:** Just when you thought all hope might have been lost, it turns out that dyslexic people can **comprehend** abstract ideas. They are good philosophers. They understand things that are not **tangible**, many of which are **innate** human qualities, such as bravery, love, and **deception**.
8. **Think outside of the box:** It's nice to stick to standards, but if you really wish to go far, you have to think originally, as evidenced by today's entrepreneurs. One of the more advantageous qualities in many dyslexic people is their ability to think outside of the box. They come up with excellent, **unorthodox** ideas that are not only fresh, but **lucrative** as well.
9. **Critical thinkers:** Another trait that some dyslexics possess is their ability to use logical reasoning. They know exactly what the difference in two topics really is and will use critical thinking to solve a problem.
10. **Astutely analyze stories told or read to them:** Instead of reading, dyslexics can still get ahead by analyzing the stories that are being told or read to them out loud. Although they may have their friends, family, or text-to-speech technology doing the reading for them, because of their strong spoken language **comprehension** abilities, they understand the plot and the story. Many can keep

track of all the characters and plot twists and turns better than some non-dyslexics.