MYTH OR FACT?

Smart people cannot have dyslexia.

MYTH

Dyslexia and intelligence are NOT connected. Many people with dyslexia are very bright and creative and have accomplished amazing things.
MYTH OR FACT?

Dyslexia can be outgrown.

MYTH

You don’t outgrow dyslexia, but you can learn ways to become a stronger reader.
MYTH OR FACT?

Children with dyslexia are just lazy. They should try harder.

MYTH

Dyslexia has nothing to do with effort. People with dyslexia need a different type of reading instruction.
MYTH OR FACT?

More boys than girls have dyslexia.

MYTH

Dyslexia affects both genders in nearly equal numbers.
MYTH OR FACT?

People with dyslexia read backwards.

MYTH

Dyslexia makes it challenging to break down words. Symptoms sometimes include flipping letters around. But reversing letters isn’t always a sign of dyslexia.
**MYTH OR FACT?**

**Dyslexia is a vision problem.**

**MYTH**

Dyslexia is not a vision problem. It’s a difference in the way someone’s brain processes information.
MYTH OR FACT?
Dyslexia runs in families.

FACT
Parents with dyslexia are very likely to have children with dyslexia.
MYTH OR FACT?

Written tests are harder for people with dyslexia.

FACT

People with dyslexia usually score higher on tests if they are given more time or take the test orally.
MYTH OR FACT?

People with dyslexia usually have good spatial knowledge.

FACT

Many people with dyslexia demonstrate better skills at manipulating 3D objects in their mind.
MYTH OR FACT?

People with dyslexia are “picture thinkers.”

FACT

People with dyslexia tend to think in pictures rather than words.
MYTH OR FACT?

Reading and writing can be exhausting for a child with dyslexia.

FACT

The dyslexic brain is less efficient at processing letters and sounds so it has had to work much harder.
MYTH OR FACT?

People with dyslexia are often creative.

FACT

There are many ways this creativity can show itself; ideas, music, acting, design, technology, art or even sports.
MYTH OR FACT?

Over 40 million American adults have dyslexia.

FACT

Dyslexia is the most common cause of reading, writing, and spelling difficulties.
MYTH OR FACT?

The brain functions differently in people who have dyslexia.

FACT

Studies show that people with dyslexia use a different pattern of brain function when reading than people who do not have dyslexia.