

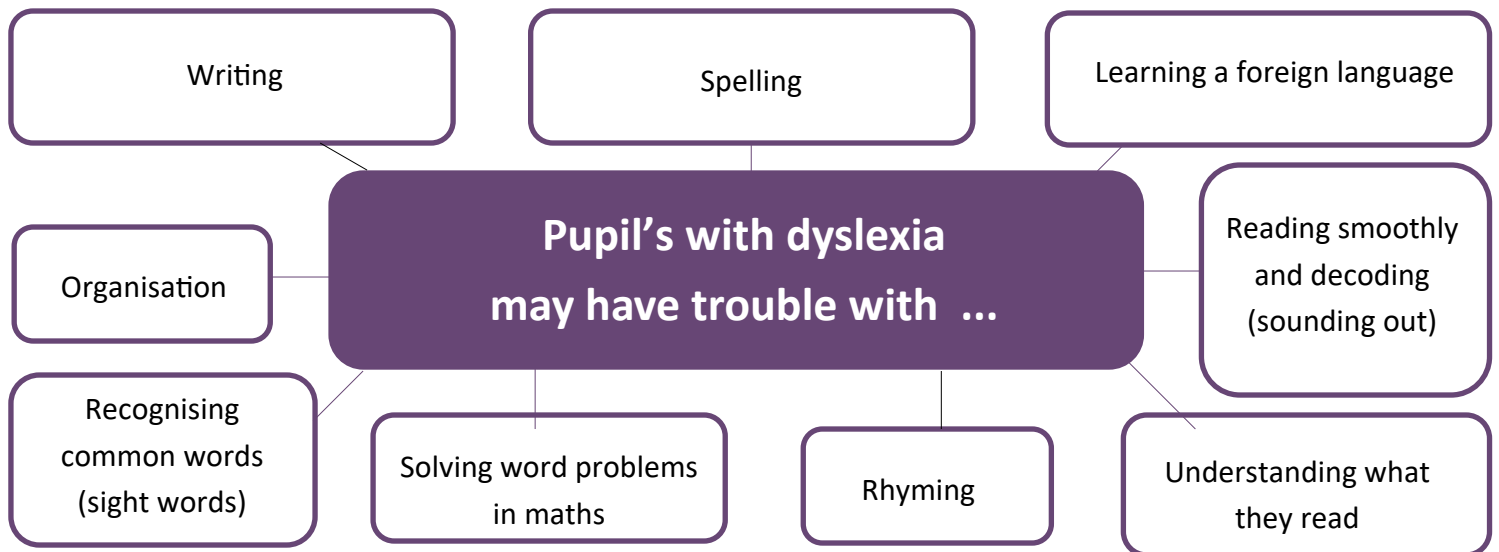
# Dyslexia Fact Sheet

## Dyslexia is ...

- ✓ **A brain based issue** that makes it hard to learn to read accurately and fluently.
- ✓ **A lifelong condition.** Pupil's do not outgrow dyslexia, but with the right support, key skills can improve.
- ✓ **A common learning issue.** Many successful people have it, and researchers have been studying it for over a century.

## Dyslexia is not ...

- ✗ **A problem of intelligence.** Pupils with dyslexia are just as able as their peers.
- ✗ **A problem of vision.** The core issue involves understanding how the *sounds* in words are represented by letters.
- ✗ **A problem of laziness.** Pupils with dyslexia are already trying hard. They need more help to make progress.



## Ways to help pupils with Dyslexia

**Multisensory structured literacy instruction** engages pupils through sight, hearing, movement and touch.

**Accommodations** help pupils learn and show what they know, like doing an oral report instead of a written assignment.

**Assertive technology** tools, like audiobooks and text-to-speech apps, can help level the playing field for struggling readers.



## Other Information ...

BRITISH DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

HELPLINE: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/helpline>

MADE BY DYSLEXIA: <http://madebydyslexia.org/>

DYSLEXIA NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dyslexia/>

NASON SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH SpLD: <https://nason.org.uk/uploads/assets/e227fce8-87f7-4630-bc4606a87e2bec53/Supporting-pupils-with-SID.pdf>