

# DISABILITY CONFIDENT

LET'S GET THE BEST FROM EACH OTHER

DYSLEXIA

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Having dyslexia doesn't mean I am stupid: it just means that my brain is wired differently. It is a particular way of thinking and learning, not a disease.

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I am in good company. These are just some of the people who have – or had – dyslexia: Einstein, Whoopi Goldberg, Benjamin Franklin, Mozart, Florence Welch, Richard Branson, Beethoven, Nobel prize-winner Dr Carol Greider, WB Yeats, Picasso, Agatha Christie, Steve Jobs, John Lennon.

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I take a different approach to problem solving from you. That's because people with dyslexia have a good sense of spatial relationships or make really great use of the right side of their brain. That could explain why 50 per cent of the people who work for NASA have dyslexia.

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I might use text-to-speech software to read large documents but it also helps me if you keep emails succinct and use bullet points.

