



**Myth:**

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

**Fact:**

Research has shown, via fMRIs that those with dyslexia use a different part of their brain when reading and working with language. Dyslexic people show a different pattern of brain function when reading: underactivity in some regions, overactivity in others which, according to researchers, accounts for the difficulty they have in extracting meaning from the printed word. The findings provide evidence that people with dyslexia do not lack intelligence and are not lazy or stupid. Their brains just work differently. Lack of awareness about this disorder has often resulted in the child being branded as 'lazy.' If students with dyslexia do not receive the right type of intervention they often struggle in school -- despite being bright, motivated, and spending hours on homework assignments both academically and emotionally.