



Unleashing Potential News - Dyslexia

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Again on the theme of answering questions, this month we're looking at the questions of whether dyslexia is only experienced by English-speaking people and what makes English so difficult?

Dyslexia is experienced by people speaking many languages. The Davis methods are now translated into 32 languages covering 38 countries. So it's by no means confined to English Speakers.

At dyslexia's root is confusion and if we take a look at the English language we can start to envisage some of the factors where confusion can easily rein.

The poem that follows is by an unknown author and goes some way into explaining the nitty-gritty - remembering that the majority of dyslexics think in pictures and not by thinking words. If you are not enlightened by this, try reading it again substituting pictures in place of some of the words . . . have fun

"Lets face it.
English is an odd language.
There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger,
And neither pine nor apple in pineapple.
English muffins were not invented in England.
French fries were not invented in France.

We sometimes take English for granted,
But if we examine its paradoxes we find that
Quicksand takes you down slowly,
Boxing rings are square,
And guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

If writers write, how come fingers don't fing?
If the plural of tooth is teeth,
Shouldn't the plural of phone booth be phone beeth?
If the teacher taught,
Why didn't the preacher praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables,
What the heck does a humanitarian eat!?
Why do people recite at a play
Yet play at a recital
Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy
Of a language where a house can burn up
as it burns down,
And in which you fill in a form by filling it out,
And a bell is only heard once it goes off!

English was invented by people, not computers,
And it reflects the creativity of the human race
(which of course isn't a race at all)

That is why
When the stars are out they are visible,
But when the lights are out they are invisible.
And why it is that when I wind up my watch it starts,
But when I wind up this poem it ends.

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