**Transcript: What is dyslexia?**

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Some people find it easy to learn to read; for others it is more difficult. Students with dyslexia may find it hard to learn:

• how letters link to sounds

• how to blend sounds together into words and break words into individual sounds

• how to read and spell new words

Every person with dyslexia is unique and has different learning needs. Some people experience mild difficulties and others have more severe challenges.

What does dyslexia look like? In class, students with dyslexia may:

• Read more slowly and with more effort

• Make more mistakes when reading aloud

• Guess words instead of reading them

• Spell more slowly and make more mistakes

Dyslexia is common, affecting 5 to 10% of people.

Although dyslexia is a lifelong condition, people with dyslexia can learn to read and spell with the right teaching.