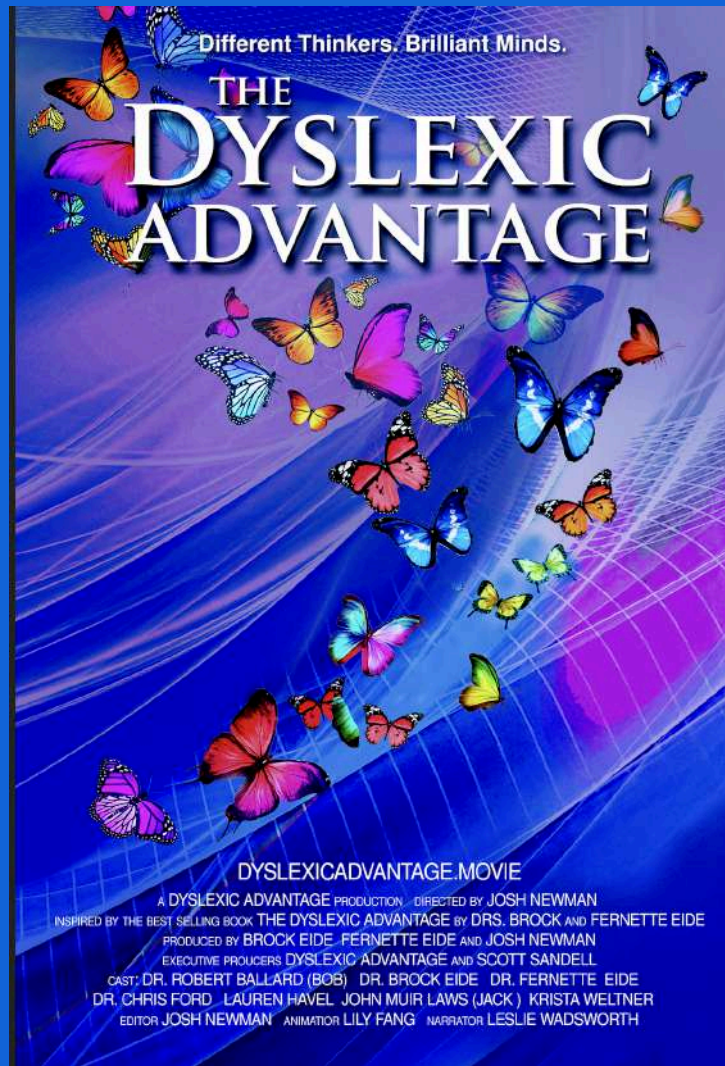


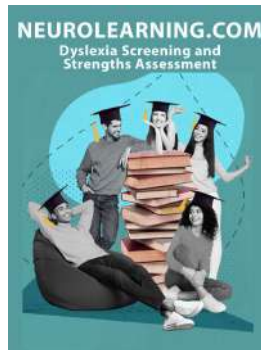
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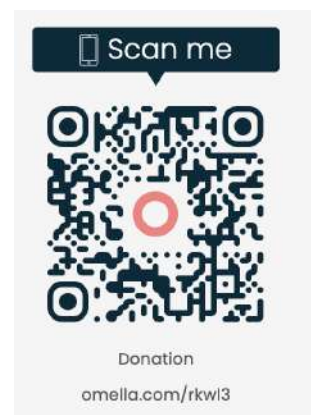


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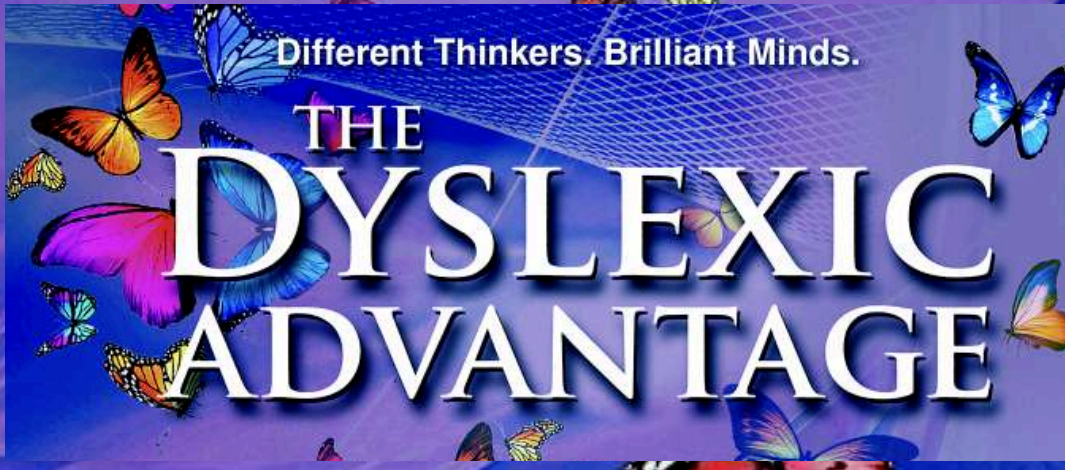
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REFLECTING ON THE 3-YEAR JOURNEY OF THE DYSLEXIC ADVANTAGE MOVIE

2 MONTHS TO LAUNCH!

The last three years have been an incredible journey—one filled with passion, collaboration, and determination. As we move closer to the official release of The Dyslexic Advantage movie in October, we want to share some of the remarkable people who helped make this decade-long dream a reality.

From the time we first thought about writing a book about The Dyslexic Advantage, we always knew that a movie was a better way to show and share the reality of the strengths of dyslexic minds.

Bringing this story to life has been more than just a film project—it has been a labor of love, designed to amplify the voices and experiences of this amazing community.

Since we first introduced the idea of dyslexic MIND strengths in our first edition of **The Dyslexic Advantage**, the research has been even clearer in the research literature, but it's more important than ever for everyone - dyslexic or not - to begin to understand the gifts and schools and workplaces should be optimized to build on their strengths.

If you know someone who is dyslexic, share this movie with them.

"It explained me to me." - Dr. Bob Ballard, undersea explorer

Bob said this in one of his interviews for this movie, and this sums up why we wanted to make this movie - even there were so many times we heard it couldn't be done. Everyone should get the help they need, but that's not enough. They are different for a reason - and reason involves their strengths in so many creative and higher order thinking abilities.

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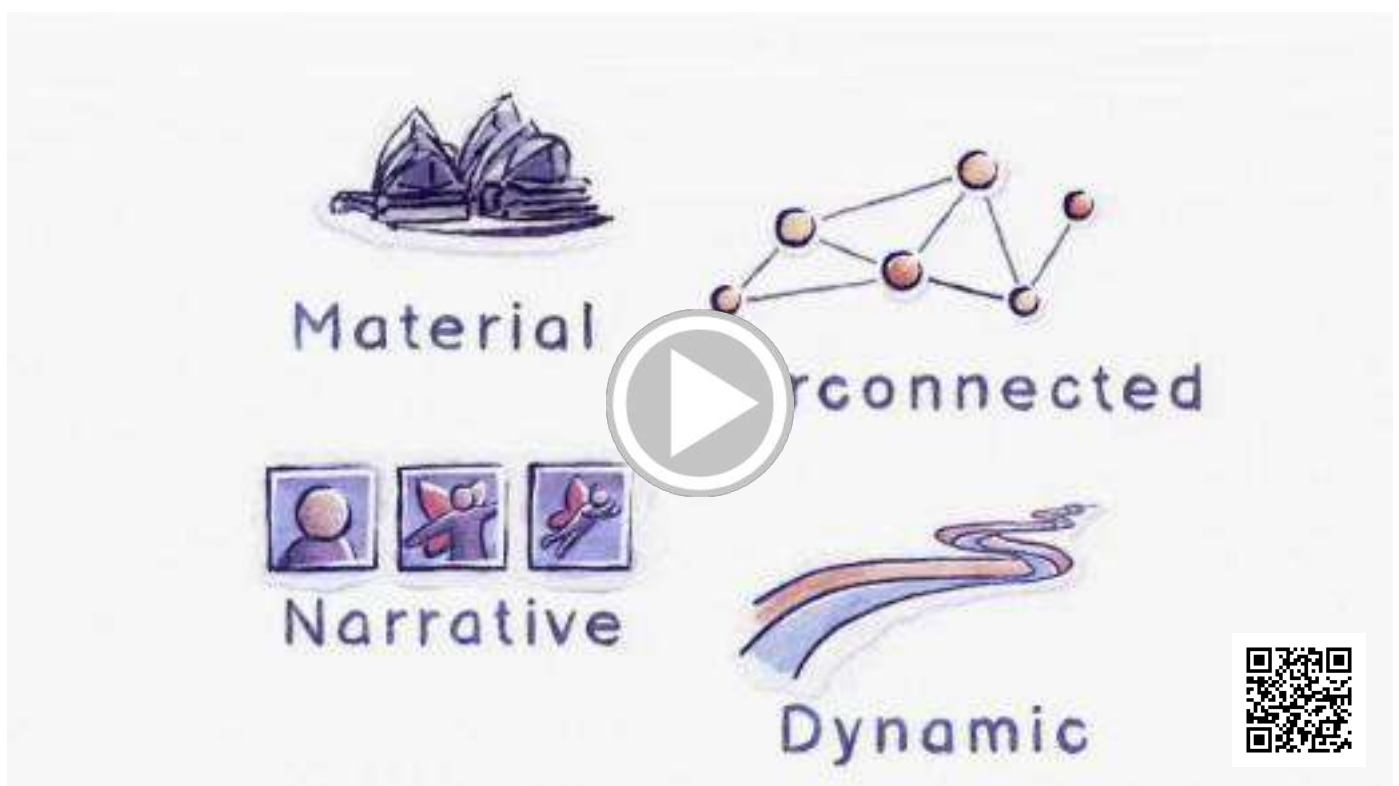


A montage from the movie starting from top left to right, then bottom left to right: Dr. Chris Ford, an emergency room physician, naturalist John Muir Laws (Jack), young filmmaker Lauren Havel, and undersea explorer Dr. Bob Ballard. Not seen in this photo, but also profiled in the movie is children's book author-illustrator and puppetmaker Krista Weltner.

DYSLEXIC ADVANTAGE MOVIE

In addition to the donor whose gift made this film possible, our movie was gifted with talented director, Josh Newman, and incredible cast members who shared their experiences as well as how they use their strengths in such diverse fields as medicine and filmmaking.

The beautiful hand-drawn animation of Lily Fang, made it possible for us to describe some of latest concepts in the science of dyslexic strengths more effectively than with words alone. Thank you, Lily.



We are also grateful to our narrator Leslie Wadsworth who brought warmth and clarity to all that was said.

Thank you to all who contributed to the film in all sorts of ways - including the magnificent strengths montage at the end of the movie that showed beautiful examples of how members of this community are using their strengths in the world. You'll really enjoy seeing it. Profiles of individual contributors and their advice to fellow dyslexics will be shared on our movie site which we plan to launch in September.

WATCH. SHARE. HOST.

Our movie will be available for 48 hr home viewing (\$3.99) and forever streaming (\$14.99). All proceeds will benefit Dyslexic Advantage and its mission to increase awareness of dyslexic strengths and make the world better for every member of this community.

If you enjoy the movie and can see how it will be helpful to the nearly 1 in 5 people who are dyslexic, then reach out to:

• a local school • PTA • parent support group • pediatrician • college support office • library • scouting group (there's a neurodiversity badge!) • homeschooling coop • community group • company and more.

To hear about the movie's release as soon as it's out click **HERE**.

To volunteer (we need you!) sign up **HERE**.

As an Ambassador or Host, you'll help bring the strengths of dyslexic thinking to more communities and inspire meaningful conversations. We appreciate your efforts to spread the word.

We'll give you ready-to-use materials, your own link, and simple steps so you can get started right away — no technical skills required.

As a token of our appreciation, we offer a small thank-you for each booking that comes through your unique link. It's our way of recognizing the time, heart, and energy you bring to this mission.

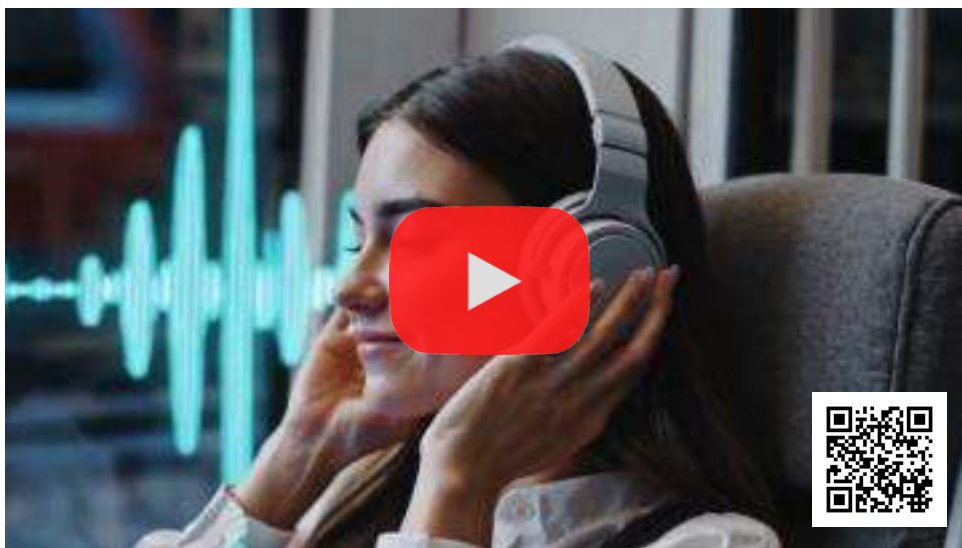
FREE READING BACK TO SCHOOL APPS

What are some of the most common free apps that dyslexic students use for school?

[Natural Reader Online](#)

Natural Reader is a free browser-based text-to-speech service that works with documents, PDFs, and web pages. Students can choose from natural-sounding voices, change the reading speed, and highlight text as they listen.

Tip: Use the Chrome extension so students can have almost any webpage read aloud instantly



Epic!

Epic! is a free online library for kids 12 and under, offering thousands of high-interest books with a “Read-to-Me” option for early readers or those who benefit from hearing the text while following along. Free for teachers during school hours The selection of books is quite wide making this an excellent resrouces.

Tip: Use the “Collections” feature to group books by your student’s interests to encourage more independent reading.



What about [Libby](#) compared to Epic? Libby is a public Library app in the US. It's a fantastic app for accessing free audiobooks and physical books through your public library. Unlike Epic, however, words are not highlighted as they are being read aloud, which is a feature that helps improve word recognition over time as students progress in their structured literacy curriculum.

For older students and adults, Libby has wider ranges of literature than Epic. If a reader gets hooked on a book series first by listening along with reading, it may set a good groundwork for them to transition to reading books when they know recurring characters and scenarios. For instance, actress Octavia Spencer said that she learned how to read using the Encyclopedia Brown books. These little stories (just a few pages long), have just a few characters and similar structures where Encyclopedia solves a mystery.

If dyslexia is formally identified, then a student in the US can qualify for free ebooks from [Bookshare.org](#). These e-books can then be use with an ebook reading app like [Voice Dream Reader](#) (now on subscription \$60 per year, but if you were fortunate to buy the app before the subscription, you've been grandfathered in and don't have to pay subscription prices.)

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Libby is at over 90% of libraries. If your library doesn't have a Libby subscription, you can also see whether other libraries have it, or even ask the librarian at your closest library to see if they know which branch may subscribe. You can often get a library card at another library in your region - and you may be able to get a card online. Libraries may also be able to send a book that's not available in your library but is in their network to your local branch.

Two more free reading sources worth mentioning are [Immersive Reader](#) from Microsoft and [Speechify](#).

Immersive Reader

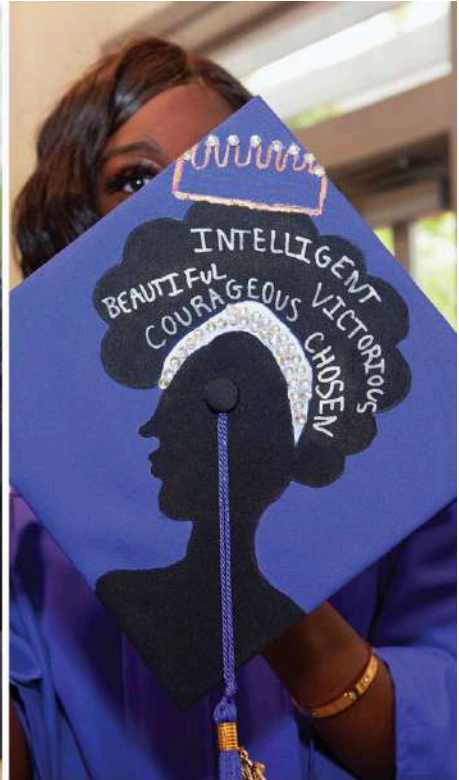
[Immersive Reader](#) is part of Microsoft's Learning Suite and if you have access to Microsoft Word, you have it. It's also built in the Microsoft Edge browser.

Immersive Reader has several unique features that can be very valuable for dyslexic students. Like Epic!, it reads text aloud and highlights words as they are read - but that usually means text in a word document. It does not have a library of children's books. Like many apps it has a high degree of customization - including font size, colors of letters and backgrounds, and translation.



In fact, Brock and I helped advise Microsoft in optimization of its tools for dyslexic users. Some members of the Dyslexic Advantage community helped optimize their spell check, and I recommended that they offer a picture dictionary with their dictionary lookup tool. As a result, there are some wonderful features for dyslexic users and many schools have a Microsoft subscription.

It may take a little time to optimize the display, but it can really be worth it especially if there is a significant degree of visual fatigue or stress. Increased font size and character spacing can help many dyslexic individuals - and reducing the line length (like reading on your phone instead of a desktop computer) can also be very helpful.



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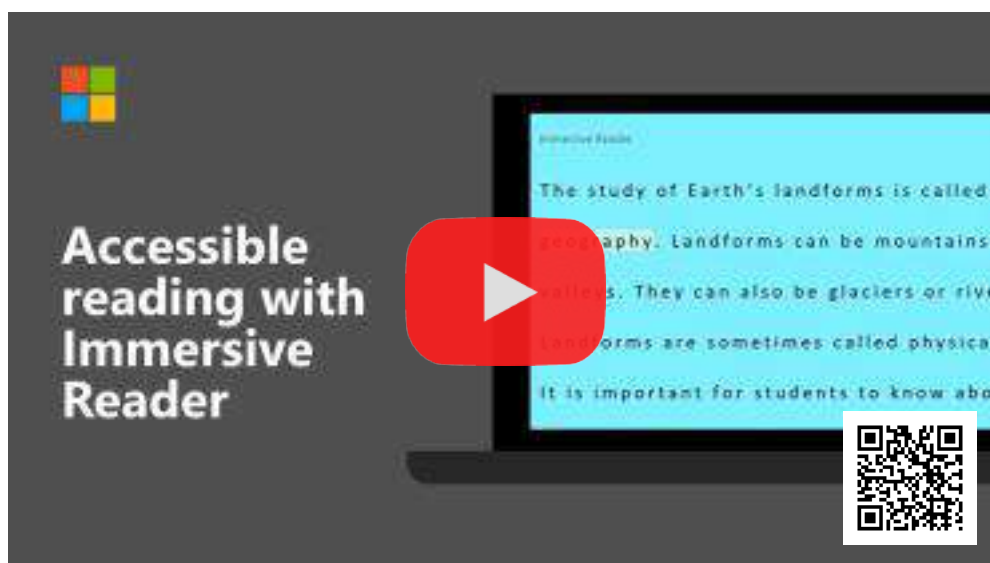
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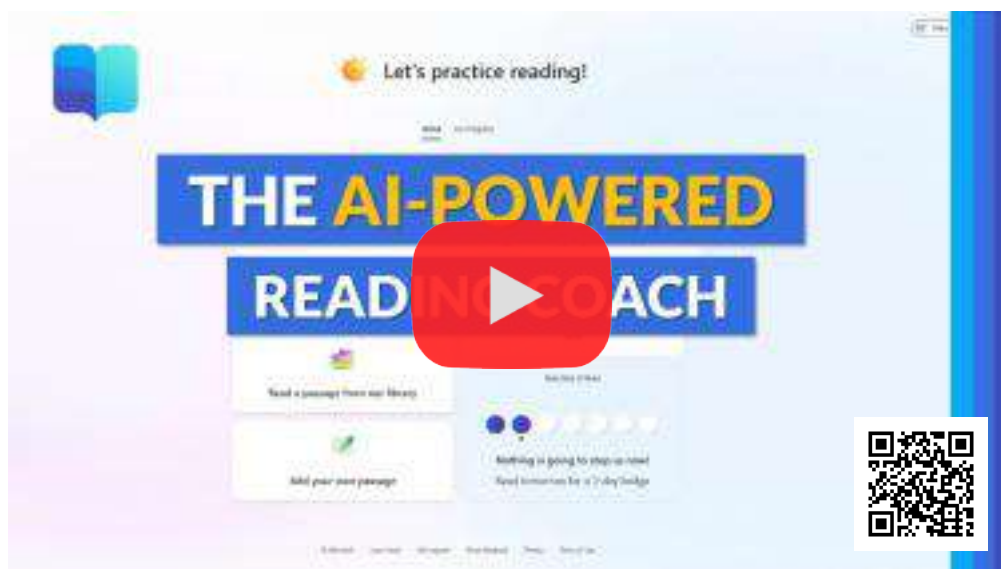
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Three additional features especially helpful in Immersive Reader are the ability to break down words into syllables, color code parts of speech in sentences, and a neat feature called Reading Coach that assesses reading aloud accuracy and speed and identifies words to practice. It's also been updated with AI-features that includes its own library of books or allows students to write their own story.

This video below shows how reading display can be customized and changed, for instance for less visual crowding and breaking long words into syllables to make reading long words easier.



Here is a video showing updated features in Microsoft's Immersive Reader



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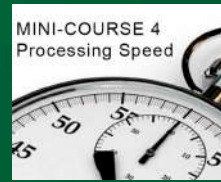
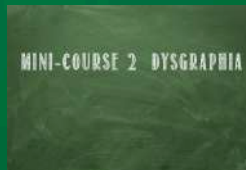
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immersive Reader does not replace the hard decoding work that students should be focused on in the early years of reading remediation. Reading fluency practice of this type is a later stage - but can be a way that adults better their reading speed and accuracy over time.

Finally, what about reading apps for dyslexic college students? If you ask students themselves, the most common apps that we hear about are [Speechify](#) and Natural Reader which was mentioned at the beginning of this article. College LD offices often mention Immersive Reader because it's part of Microsoft Word 365 and all students may be given that program.

The main advantages for Speechify is that they have optimized their mobile app which allows a quick "snap and read" function - and then, what can be a huge advantage to college students, an ability to speed listen at 2-3x normal. Speed listening is a skill that can often be developed over time, gradually.

The paid version for Natural Reader is 1x payment only; Speechify is \$139 per year, but they do have periodic discounts. For dyslexic individuals with high reading workloads, Speechify might be worth taking a look. This is especially if you're having to read textbooks and articles on reserve in the library. Remember that for routine reading like emails, every device (Mac, Android, Windows) has good native speech-to-text functions.

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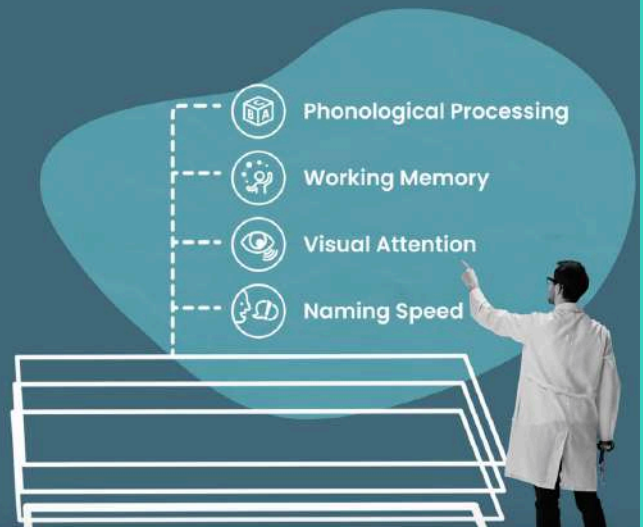
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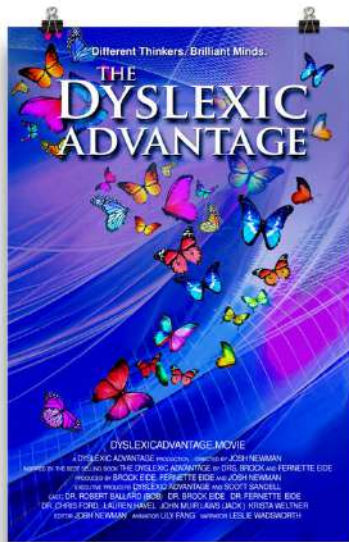
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— D
Parent

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— WJD
Parent

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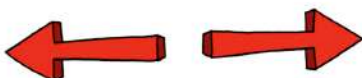
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