

Famous People with Dyslexia

Here are some of my favourite personalities with dyslexia from our times and from history. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it will give you an idea of the kinds of life changing discoveries, inventions and influences that people with dyslexia have either pioneered or been a part of over the course of time.

Many famous actors and actresses of our day have been diagnosed as having dyslexia, along with many famous and accomplished athletes and scientists. Many of the Presidents of the United States had dyslexia (I have not included all the dyslexic presidents in this list). Even just a generation or two ago, it was harder to diagnose the condition. There were probably countless others personalities in history that may have had dyslexia and we will never know.

Artists, Designers, Film makers, Photographers	
Ansel Adams	American photographer and environmentalist known for his black and white photography
Scott Adams	Creator of the famous <i>Dilbert</i> cartoon strip which has been a favourite since its inception in 1989
David Bailey	English fashion photographer – noted for his work in <i>Vogue Fashion Magazine</i> and the Royal Family
Michelangelo Buonarroti	Artist, sculptor and architect. His paintings in the Sistine Chapel done in the early 1500s are still admired today
Leonardo da Vinci	The original renaissance man and painter of the world famous <i>Mona Lisa</i> was an inventor, scientist, mathematician and much more
Walt Disney	Created some of the most beloved cartoon characters in history including <i>Mickey Mouse</i> and <i>Donald Duck</i> . Created <i>Disneyland</i> and <i>Disney World</i>
John Ferrie	Artist
Vincent van Gogh	Dutch post-impressionist artist whose work has had far-reaching influence on the world art movement
Ignacio Gomez	Muralist
Antony Gormley	Sculptor
Nicola Hicks	Sculptress
Judith Holmes Drewery	Sculptor, Le Blanc Fine Art

Søren Kragh Jacobsen	Danish film director
Jodie Kidd	Supermodel
Lloyd LeBlanc	Sculptor, Le Blanc Fine Art
David Lean	Film maker
Charles Rennie Mackintosh	Artist and designer
Andrew Menzies	Hollywood director
Simon Menzies	Painter
Allison Merriweather	Artist
Patricia Buckley Moss	Artist
Pablo Picasso	Spanish painter
Stacy Poulos	Photographer, writer and philosopher
Robert Rauschenberg	Artist
Guy Ritchie	Film director
Auguste Rodin	French sculptor renowned for works in bronze
Lord Richard Rogers	British architect best known for his modernist and functionalist designs
Francois Schuiten	Comic strip artist
Steven Spielberg	American film director
Bennett Strahan	Architect, artist
Quentin Tarantino	American actor, screenwriter and film director
MacKenzie Thorpe	Artist
Robert Toth	Artist, sculptor
Jørn Utzon	Famed architect responsible for the <i>Sydney Opera House</i> .
Andy Warhol	American Artist and filmmaker
Mark Wilkinson	Furniture designer
Lord Ted Willis	Screenwriter
Authors	
Hans Christian Anderson	19 th century children's author born in Denmark
Avi	Author and illustrator of children's books

Jeanne Betancourt	Author of <i>My Name is Brain Brian</i>
Steve Cannell	TV writer
Lewis Carroll	English author and mathematician
Agatha Christie	English author
Jonathan Dalby	Novelist
Elizabeth Daniels	Mystery novel writer
Ronald Davis	Writer and educator about dyslexia
Sophie Fisher	Journalist and BBC correspondent
Fannie Flag	Author
Gustave Flaubert	French novelist
Esther Freud	Novelist
A.A. Gill	Journalist
Earnest Hemingway	American writer and journalist
John Irving	Author
Lynda La Plante	TV Series writer
Debbie Macomber	Author
Sarah Miles	Author, actress, playwright
Daniel Mullen	Became a Playwright at 19 years old
Dominic O'Brien	British author
Patricia Polacco	Author and illustrator of children's books
Girard Sgmillier	Author of <i>The Book of Mormon</i>
Elizabeth Daniels Squire	Author
Bernie Taylor	Author of <i>Biological Time</i>
Mark Twain	American author and humorist
Victor Villaseñor	Author
Zelda West-Meads	Author and relationship counsellor
Roger Wilkins	American journalist, co-Pulitzer prize winner
William Butler Yeats	Irish poet
Benjamin Zephaniah	Rastafarian writer, poet

Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs	
G. Chris Anderson	Head of G.C. Anderson Partners, Bankers, NY
Stephen Bacque	Inventor & entrepreneur
Richard Branson	British entrepreneur and personality, founder of the Virgin brand, worth about £1.5 billion
Erin Brockovich	Environmental Activist who inspired the film <i>Erin Brockovich</i> starring Julia Roberts exposing a pollution case against California's Pacific Gas and Electric Company
John Chambers	Chairman of the Board and CEO of Cisco Systems grew Cisco into a \$40 billion company
Fred Curry	Chairman and CEO of Greyhound Bus
Kerry Bullmore Packer	Australian publishing tycoon
David Fogel	Merchandising Director of <i>Hamleys</i>
Bill Gates	Entrepreneur and founder of Microsoft, his vision revolutionized the way the world uses computers, bringing them into every home and every business
Hamish Grant	CEO of Axeon, a technology company
Reyn Guyer	Developed the <i>Nerf</i> ball
Guy Hands	Nomura Bank
Lord Philip Harris	Carpet shop entrepreneur
William Hewlett	Co-Founder and former CEO of Hewlett-Packard company
Tommy Hilfiger	American fashion designer best known for his <i>Tommy Hilfiger</i> brand of clothing
Bertil Hult	Entrepreneur and founder of <i>EF Education</i>
Ingvar Kampred	Swedish entrepreneur and founder of home furnishing retail chain <i>IKEA</i>
Steve Jobs	Entrepreneur and co-founder of <i>Apple Computers</i> recognised as one of the most powerful influences in technology and computers.
Craig McCaw	Founder of <i>McCaw Cellular</i>
O.D. McKee	Founder of <i>McKee Foods</i>
David Murdock	CEO of <i>Dole Foods</i>
David Neeleman	CEO of <i>JetBlue Airways</i>
Mike Norris	CEO of <i>Computacenter</i> , UK's largest IT supplier and leading

	European supplier
Paul J. Orfalea	Founder and CEO of <i>Kinko's</i> copying centers
Theo Paphitis	Entrepreneur and founder of <i>Dragon's Den</i>
Anthony Parle	Managing Director of <i>Parle Foods</i>
Zara Reid	British model and PR Business woman, founder of <i>CSI Promotions</i>
Nelson Rockefeller	American statesman, the 41 st Vice President of the United States and the 49 th Governor of New York
Anita Roddick	Long time environmentalist, entrepreneur and founder of <i>The Body Shop</i>
Charles Schwab	American founder and CEO of <i>Charles Schwab</i> corporation
Eric Shipton	British mountaineer and explorer who has climbed Mount Kenya and Mount Everest among other accomplishments
Jason Silva	Co-owner of <i>Silvabodas.com</i> , a construction and design company
Raymond Smith	Former CEO of <i>Bell Atlantic</i>
Tomasz Starzewski	Born in Poland, British Clothes designer and owner of haute couture house in London
Jackie Stewart	Scottish Formula One racing driver with long list of racing wins, knighted in 2001
Richard C. Strauss	Real estate developer
Peter Stringfellow	English night club owner and infamous playboy
Arthur Ochs Sulzberger	Prominent American business leader and publisher, took over the position of Chairman of the <i>New York Times</i> from his father
Chuck Thompson	Commercial video producer
Ted Turner	American businessman and media mogul known for his revolutionary contributions to TV broadcasting
Jørn Utzon	Danish Architect designed the <i>Sydney Opera House</i> which was declared a World Heritage Site in 2007
Thomas J. Watson	Former CEO of <i>IBM</i>
Ben Way	Ran his own computer business at age 17
Jordan Weisman	Mater game designer and entrepreneur
Simon Woodruff	Founder of <i>YO Sushi</i>
F.W. Woolworth	American entrepreneur founded the <i>Woolworth</i> company

	with stores in multiple countries
William Wrigley, Jr.	Founder of <i>Wrigley Chewing Gum</i>
Chefs	
Ed Baines	Chef
Andrew Dornenburg	Culinary artist, chef and writer
James Martin	TV chef
Jean-Christophe Novellie	TV chef
Jamie Oliver	Chef and TV personality
Rick Stein	Restaurateur and TV chef
David Whiffen	Chef
Marco Pierre White	Restaurateur and TV chef
Government, Legal	
David Boies	Attorney
Nicholas Brady	US Secretary of the Treasury
George H.W. Bush	41 st President of the United States
George W. Bush	43 rd President of the United States
Winston Churchill	British statesman and politician and prime minister, Nobel Prize winner for literature and honorary citizen of the United States best known for his superb leadership during World War II
Lorna Fitzsimmons	British Member of Parliament
Jeffrey H. Gallet	Judge
Michael Heseltine	British businessman and British Prime Minister, replaced long-running Margaret Thatcher with his political coup
Andrew Jackson	7 th President of the United States
Thomas Jackson "Stonewall"	Possibly the most well known Confederate General in the American Civil War
Thomas Jefferson	3 rd President of the United States and author of the <i>Declaration of Independence</i>
Lyndon Johnson	36 th President of the United States
John F. Kennedy	Legendary 35 th President of the United States, assassinated in 1963
Lord Alistair McAlpine	British Tory Party Treasurer

Gavin Newsom	Mayor of San Francisco
General George Patton	American General commanded American armies during World War II in multiple famous battles
Anna Eleanor Roosevelt	First Lady, married to Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32 nd President of the United States. Eleanor Roosevelt was an advocate for civil rights
Nelson Rockefeller	41 st Vice President of the United States
George Washington	1st President of the United States
Paul Wellstone	US Senator
Woodrow Wilson	28 th President of the United States
Medicine	
Pierre Curie	Physicist and 1903 Nobel Prize winner.
Harvey Cushing	American neurosurgeon known for his pioneering work in the field of brain surgery
Fred Epstein	Paediatric neurosurgeon internationally recognised for his pioneering work with children suffering from brain and spinal cord tumours
William James	Psychologist
John W. House	President of <i>House Ear Institute</i>
Dr. Edward Hallowell	Psychiatrist
Archer Martin	Chemist and Nobel Laureate
John Robert Skoyles	Brain researcher
Margie C. Sweeney	Doctor and author
Helen Taussig	Paediatric cardiologist
Music	
Damon Albarn	Singer, songwriter for <i>Blur</i>
Ludwig Van Beethoven	German composer and pianist whose symphonies and sonatas have made him a household name 300 years after his death
Harry Belafonte	Singer, actor and producer
Noel Gallagher	Guitarist for the band <i>Oasis</i>
Nanci Griffith	Folk singer
Nigel Kennedy	Violinist

Jewel Singer	Actress
John Lennon	Singer, songwriter and founding member of <i>the Beatles</i> pop group
Brad Little	Singer and stage actor
Mika	Lebanese singer
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Musical child prodigy and composer of the classical era Famous for his symphonies, chamber music and choral works
Achilles Poulos	Greek Entertainer
Daniel Powter	Musician
Lee Ryan	Singer and member of boy-band <i>Blue</i>
Scott	Member of Pop group <i>5ive</i>
Britney Spears	American singer earned over \$35 million in 2009 and has sold over 83 million records worldwide
Joss Stone	English soul and R&B singer-songwriter and actress who has sold over 10 million albums worldwide
Usher Raymond	American singer and actor who owns his own recording label and has sold over 21.5 million albums.
Bob Weir	Guitarist for the band <i>Grateful Dead</i>
Toyah Wilcox	Singer
Performers, TV, Movies	
Adie Allen	British actress and TV personality has appeared in <i>The Bill</i> , <i>Holby City</i> and <i>EastEnders</i> among others
Harry Anderson	TV actor and comedian.
Anthony Andrews	British actor well known for his roles in <i>Brideshead Revisted</i> and <i>Sebastian Flyte</i> . Also appeared in <i>Ivanhoe</i> and the <i>Scarlet Pimpernel</i> among others.
Fred Astaire	One of the best loved American performers of all time. Best known for his dance routines in films with co-star Ginger Rogers, he also sang and acted on Broadway and in Hollywood.
Ann Bancroft	American born Arctic explorer was the first woman to complete several expeditions to the North Pole by sled and on foot and the first woman to reach the Antarctic on skis
Amhishek Bachchan	Indian actor
Orlando Bloom	British actor well known for his roles in <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i> and <i>Lord of the Rings</i> , among others

Marlon Brando	American movie actor and sex symbol with several Academy Award winning performances, the most notable being for playing Vito Corleone in <i>The Godfather</i> .
Sarah Brightman	British actress and singer has 160 gold and platinum awards in over 30 countries across the world
George Burns	American icon, actor and comedian who performed in vaudeville, film, radio and television. His long and illustrious career ended only with his death at age 100. Best known for his TV comedy show with wife, Gracie Allen
Enrico Caruso	Italian opera singer considered one of the best tenors of all time
Cher	American pop icon, singer and actress, winner of an Academy Award and three Golden Globes
Margi Clarke	British actress and TV presenter, perhaps best known for her stellar performance in <i>Letter to Brezhnev</i> – reportedly one of Britain's best films of all time.
George Clooney	Actor and director
Brian Conley	Comedian and actor
Billy Connolly	Scottish comedian and well loved TV personality has enjoyed a great career as a folk singer and actor
Tom Cruise	American actor and film producer, winner of three Golden Globes
Patrick Dempsey	Actor
Richard Engel	Journalist and leading correspondent for NBC
Harrison Ford	American actor best known for his roles in <i>Star Wars</i> and <i>Indiana Jones</i> ; has enjoyed a long career as an actor in many highly acclaimed films.
Dave Foley	Actor
Tracy Gold	Actress
Whoopi Goldberg	American Actress, comedienne and media personality, won a Golden Globe award for her role in the <i>The Color Purple</i>
Jerry Hall	American actress and supermodel
Susan Hampshire	Beloved British film actress noted for her BBC period dramas and Masterpiece Theatre productions
Woody Harrelson	American actor started his career as Woody in the long running TV sitcom <i>Cheers</i>
Salma Hayek	Born in Mexico this actress, director and film producer was listed in December 2008's <i>Entertainment Weekly</i> as one of the

	25 Smartest People in TV.
Anthony Hopkins	Sir Anthony Hopkins, CBE, highly famous Welsh born actor
Bob Hoskins Jr.	English actor
Crispin Hunt	Singer and guitarist with the band <i>Longpigs</i>
Eddie Izzard	Comedian
Demetri Jagger	Actor and nephew of Mick Jagger
Felicity Kendall	British actress
Nigel Kennedy	British child prodigy and famous jazz musician
Joddie Kidd	Super Model and British TV personality
Keira Knightley	British actress reportedly the second highest paid actress in Hollywood in 2008
Felicity Kendal	English actress with multiple successful TV sitcoms & dramas
Jay Leno	American comedian and TV personality
Alyssa Milano	American actress and TV Personality
Sarah Miles	English author, actress, playwright, nominated for an Academy Award for her role in <i>Ryan's Daughter</i>
Phoebe Nicholls	Actress
Edward James Olmos	Mexican actor and director has starred in multiple American movies and TV shows including <i>Miami Vice</i> and <i>Blade Runner</i>
Jill Pages	Trapeze artist
Oliver Reed	Illustrious English actor known for his tough guy roles
Keanu Reeves	American actor, born in Lebanon
Beryl Reid	British actress of stage, screen, dramatic roles on TV
Guy Ritchie	British film director, producer and writer has directed Hollywood movies and West End plays
Will Smith	American actor. Hollywood movies include <i>Men in Black</i> and <i>the Pursuit of Happyness</i>
Tom Smothers	Member of the <i>Smothers Brothers</i> , actor, singer and comedian
Billy Bob Thornton	American actor, director, musician and writer. Won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay in <i>Sling Blade</i>
Anthea Turner	English TV presenter and personality well known for her BBC roles on Sky Channel and in the long running series <i>Blue Peter</i>

Noel Tyl	Infamous American astrologer and Harvard University graduate known for his work in astrology but was also an opera singer early in his career
Liv Tyler	American actress and model best known for her role in <i>Lord of the Rings</i>
James Whale	British TV presenter, actor and film director best known for directing horror films in the 1930s
Robin Williams	American actor and comedian made his mark on the world in the TV Sitcom <i>Mork and Mindy</i> and went on to star in many highly acclaimed movies. Winner of three Golden Globes among other awards
Henry Winkler	American actor, director and producer, best known for his role as "the Fonz" in TV Sitcom <i>Happy Days</i>
Loretta Young	Actress
Royalty	
King Carl Gustaf XVI	Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden since 1973 to present
King Olaf	King of Norway (his children are also dyslexic)
Prince Harry of Wales	Son of Prince Charles and second in line to the throne of England
Princess Beatrice of York	Daughter of Prince Andrew and Sarah, Duchess of York is fifth in line to the throne and the first female in the succession
Princess Victoria	Crown Princess of Sweden and Duchess of Västergötland is the heir to the Swedish throne
Science and Inventors	
Ann Bancroft	Arctic Explorer
Alexander Graham Bell	Scientist, inventor and engineer credited with the invention of the telephone
Wernher von Braun	German physicist well known for his pioneering work in rocket technology. One of the original rocket scientists
Dr. Simon Clemmet	Scientist
Charles Conrad Jr.	American astronaut and engineer became the third man to walk on the moon. Has since had multiple visits to space
Pierre Curie	Physicist and 1903 Nobel Prize winner
Mike Drury	Engineer who invented tyre warmers for the F1
Thomas Edison	Inventor, scientist and businessman credited with the invention of the electric light bulb

Dorothy Einon	Psychologist, writer and lecturer
Albert Einstein	Celebrated physicist, Nobel Prize winner, inventor of the Theory of Relativity
Michael Faraday	English chemist and physicist world renowned for his groundbreaking work in the fields of electromagnetism and electrochemistry
Henry Ford	Founded <i>Ford Motor Company</i> , innovated the 5 day work week and the automotive production line
John R. Horner	Palaeontologist and author of <i>Dinosaur Hunter</i>
Willem Hollenback	Inventor & astronomical photographer
William James	Psychologist and philosopher
William Lear	American inventor and businessman. Invented the <i>Lear Jet</i> and the 8-track audio system
Charles Lindbergh	American aviator and pioneer as well as an inventor and explorer. Famous for making the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris in a plane named <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i>
Dr. James Lovelock	Pioneer of environmental awareness
Archer Martin	British Chemist and Nobel Laureate
John von Neumann	Mathematician born in Hungary and lived in the United States, made significant pioneering contributions in the fields of nuclear physics, and computer science among many others.
Sir Isaac Newton	British scientist and mathematician, known for his work with the theory of gravity, also made significant and pioneering contributions to many laws and principles of physics and mathematics, including telescopes and calculus.
Eli Whitney	American inventor of the cotton gin which was a significant development in the American industrial revolution.
Wright Brothers	American inventors credited with inventing the airplane. Orville & Wilbur Wright were avid inventors of flying machines.
Sports	
Muhammad Ali	One of the best known American boxers of all time and three-time world champion. He also holds an Olympic gold medal. Made famous the phrase "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee"
Terry Bradshaw	American quarterback with the Pittsburgh Steelers, football commentator on American TV
Rulon Gardner	American Greco-Roman wrestler and Olympic gold medal winner. Now he owns his own business selling snacks and travel items to travellers

Duncan Goodhew	British Olympic swimmer received an MBE for his contribution to Sports
Johnny Herbert	Formula One racing driver
J.B. Holmes	Golfer
Bruce Jenner	American track and field athlete and Olympic decathlete. This Olympic gold medal winner has broken several world records
Magic Johnson	One of the greatest American baseball players of all time, Johnson retired when he was diagnosed with Aids and became a spokesman for HIV/AIDS prevention and safe sex
Greg Louganis	Olympic Diver won back to back Olympic medals in 3m and 10 m diving events. Competed in the Olympics from 1976 to 1988
Sandy Lyle	Golfer
Bob May	Golfer
Paul Merson	English Football Star played for and then managed Walsall. Played for England 21 times
Joe Montana	All time great quarterback of the San Francisco 49'ers American football team
Dan O'Brien	American Olympic decathlete won a gold medal and three consecutive world titles
Diamond Dallas Page	World wrestling champion
Sir Steve Redgrave	English Olympic rower, won gold medals in five consecutive Olympics, has received an MBE, a CBE and a knighthood
Babe Ruth	American Baseball hall-of-famer, one of the greatest sports figures in American sports history
Nolan Ryan	Famed American baseball pitcher played for the New York Mets, the California Angels, the Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers.
Eric Shipton	Mountaineer and explorer
Jim Shea, Jr.	Olympic gold medallist skeleton racer
Neil Smith	Football player and author