Dyslexia Myth Buster Activity – Part 1

| MYTH 1 Reversals of letters and words are always a symptom of dyslexia. | MYTH 2 Dyslexia is caused by problems in visual perception. | MYTH 3 If you give them enough time, children will outgrow dyslexia. | MYTH 4 Dyslexia only affects people who speak English. |
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| It can be complex to identify dyslexia in students for whom English is a foreign language. | Evidence shows that children with dyslexia continue to experience reading problems into adolescence & adulthood. | Research tells us that dyslexia is best characterised as a problem with processing the sounds of language, not a problem with vision. | Letter reversals are common in the early stages of learning to read and write among dyslexic & non-dyslexic children. |
| Many dyslexic individuals will also have difficulties with speed of processing visual (& auditory) information. | Letter reversals are a sign that representations of letters & spellings of words have not been firmly established. | Dyslexia occurs in all countries in the world with written language, including both alphabetic & logographic (symbolbased) languages. | Dyslexia is neurological, but effective intervention generally has a significant positive effect on skills. |

Dyslexia Myth Buster Activity – Part 2

| M Because dyslexia th their di | YTH 5 people with ink differently, fficulties in | MYTH 6 Individuals with dyslexia will always benefit from coloured text overlays | MYTH 7 Dyslexia is an indicator of someone's intelligence. | MYTH 8 If a child is struggling with literacy, they must be dyslexic. |
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| that overlays/le | nited evidence coloured nses have any ord reading or | Difficulties like ADHD or autism can also lead to challenges with literacy. | The neurological basis of cognitive processing difficulties in individuals with dyslexia is separate | Not all people with dyslexia show signs of giftedness. |
| other SpLE | ant to consider Os alongside/in n to dyslexia. | Dyslexia occurs across a range of intelligence levels. | While some individuals with dyslexia are indeed gifted in other areas, their gifts are likely not caused by their dyslexia. | Visual stress has been found to highly correlated with dyslexia, but can also be present independently. |