



New Help And Hope For Dyslexics

(NAPSA)—If you or someone you care about is among the one in five people affected by dyslexia—a disability that makes reading difficult—there may be good news for you.

Those struggling to manage the condition can now find hope in the 1in5 Initiative, a new campaign to drive greater public awareness of dyslexia through online PSAs and an interactive website: Explore1in5.org.

Understanding Dyslexia

Despite its prevalence, dyslexia is commonly misunderstood and can be difficult to diagnose, causing emotional, social and educational struggles.

Here's what's known about it: As with many learning disabilities, people are born with dyslexia and it is often shared across generations. It doesn't go away—you can't outgrow it or take medication for it. It occurs in people of all races and income levels.

Research indicates that the brains of people with dyslexia are organized differently than those without the disorder, causing difficulties processing printed content into meaningful information. At the same time, many people with the disorder are exceptionally bright and creative. They may struggle with processing information in printed form, but they often have exceptional talents and strengths in other areas—a fact borne out by the remarkable number of highly accomplished leaders in business, the arts and other fields who have dyslexia.

What To Do About It

There's no cure, but dyslexic individuals can adjust and succeed with the right educational support and accommodations. For instance, experts often recom-



Explore1in5.org can assist and inspire many people who struggle with dyslexia.

mend audiobooks for students, as they are recognized for their effectiveness in improving comprehension, reducing the stress of studying, and helping children regain their confidence in the classroom.

Parents and students can share their stories and help others find answers and resources to manage the condition as quickly and easily as possible through Explore1in5.org. The site is optimized with video and audio content for those who struggle to read print and is filled with input from dyslexics of all ages.

Visitors are encouraged to share a video story or upload a blog post about their dyslexia tribulations and triumphs.

The idea is that through community awareness efforts and sharing real-life dyslexia stories, common misconceptions will be alleviated and individuals will be encouraged with resources and a sense of hope. The 1in5 Initiative is powered by Learning Ally, a national nonprofit that provides audiobooks and educational solutions to support all people who learn differently.

Learn More

You can find further facts and advice online at www.Explore1in5.org.