Dyslexia Awareness

Dyslexia is a learning difference to do with information processing. It primarily affects reading, writing and spelling skills. However, it can also affect concentration, organisation and the ability to remember information.

To find out more about dyslexia, visit The British Dyslexia Association.

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A. Have a look at the 10 statements below about dyslexia. Can you work out which are true and which are false? Cut out the cards and place them in the correct columns on page 2 – how many can you get right?

1. Only around 1% of the UK population are dyslexic; it's actually not that common.

2. If you have dyslexia, it's because you were born with it. You can't acquire dyslexia later on in life.

3. Studies have shown that people with dyslexia excel in creative activities and are more likely to be creative individuals.

4. People with dyslexia typically have smaller brains than people without dyslexia.

5. Only a qualified educational psychologist or dyslexia specialist can diagnose dyslexia.

6. All people with dyslexia read words backwards and they write their letters the wrong way round.

7. One of Britain's top chefs, Jamie Oliver, is dyslexic. He is really proud of his dyslexia and believes that it allows him to see the world from a different perspective.

8. People with dyslexia only use the right side of their brain to process language, while people without dyslexia use three areas on the left side of the brain to process language.

9. Approximately 90% of people with dyslexia are left-handed, because they really struggle to form letters with their right hand.

10. Unfortunately, there is no cure for dyslexia and you can't outgrow it, but there are plenty of ways to support people with dyslexia!

B. Design a logo to raise awareness of dyslexia and draw your image in the circle.

Where could you display your logo so that it reaches as many people as possible?

True	False
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Teacher answers

1. **FALSE** - Around 10% of the UK population are dyslexic - that's almost 7 million people!
2. **FALSE** - Dyslexia can actually be acquired later on in life, with some adults becoming dyslexic due to a brain injury from trauma or disease.
3. **TRUE**
4. **FALSE** - Scientists have found that the Dyslexic brain is typically larger than non-dyslexic brains!
5. **TRUE**
6. **FALSE** - This is in fact not the case, not all people with dyslexia will read and write backwards, some may struggle with spelling and some may read at a slower pace.
7. **TRUE**
8. **TRUE**
9. **FALSE** - Around 50% of people with dyslexia are left-handed and 50% are right-handed, there's hardly any difference!
10. **TRUE**