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Goodies

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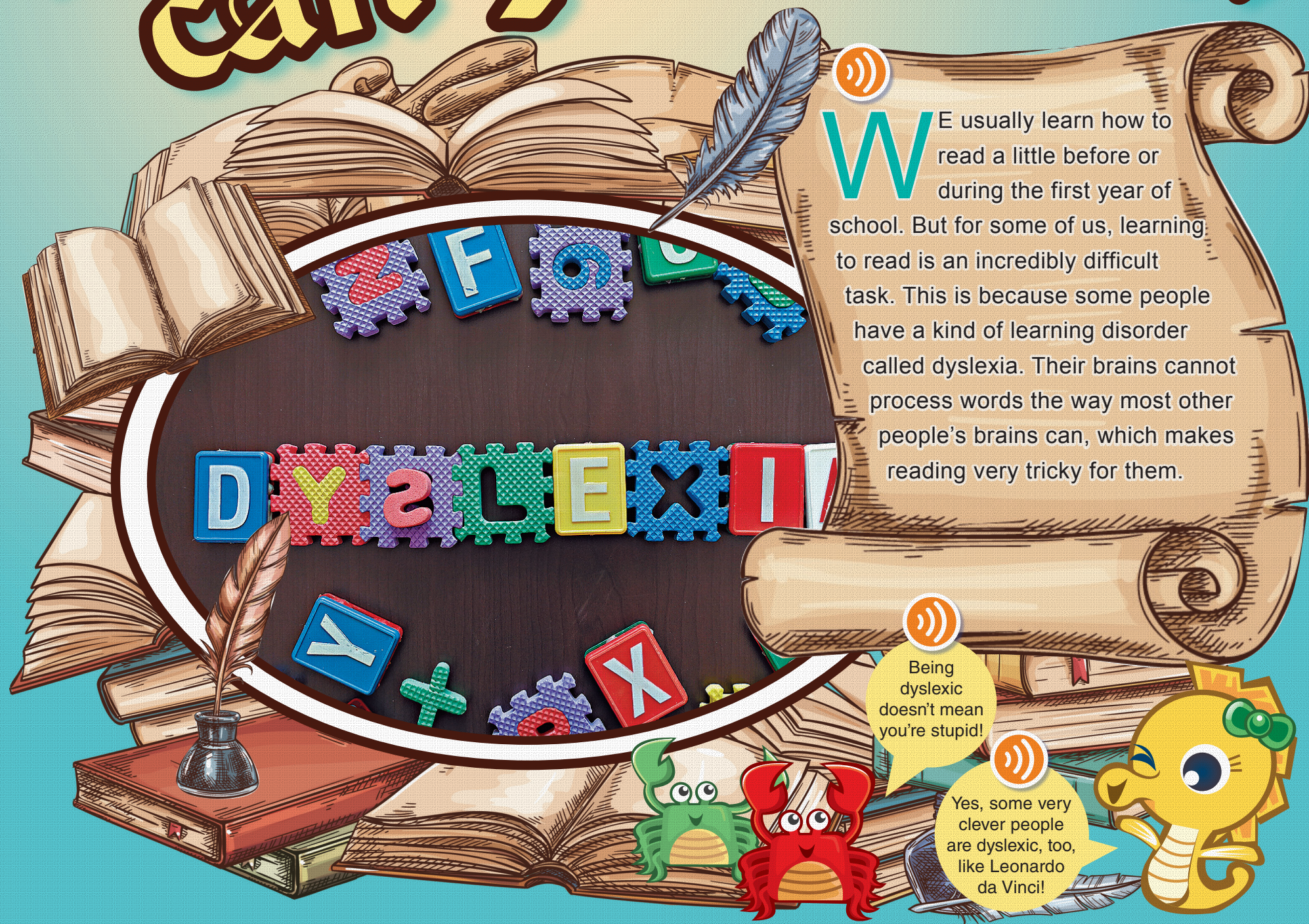
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How well can you read?

WE usually learn how to read a little before or during the first year of school. But for some of us, learning to read is an incredibly difficult task. This is because some people have a kind of learning disorder called dyslexia. Their brains cannot process words the way most other people's brains can, which makes reading very tricky for them.

Being
dyslexic
doesn't mean
you're stupid!

Yes, some very
clever people
are dyslexic, too,
like Leonardo
da Vinci!





Jumbled-up words

WHAT happens when someone has dyslexia, and is it possible to cure it? How is dyslexia handled in Hong Kong?

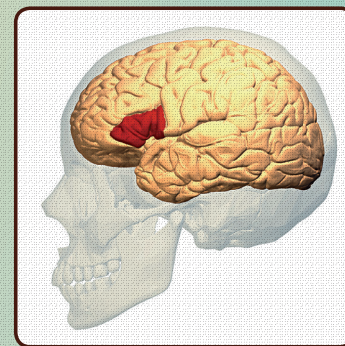
What is dyslexia?

THIS condition is when someone's brain reads words differently from regular people. The words might appear **jumbled-up** to people with dyslexia, known as dyslexics, and they have a hard time connecting the sound of a word with what is on a page. For example, for English readers, a 'd' might be confused with a 'b'. And it can happen with numbers too – dyslexics might read the **numeral** '6' as a '9' and **vice versa**.



A brain problem

DYSLEXIA is caused by a lack of symmetry, or mirroring, between the left and right sides of the brain. On top of that, bits of a person's **cerebral cortex**, the parts of the brain that control speaking and writing, do not work properly. These differences from a typical brain are probably **genetic**.



Dyslexia locally

IN Hong Kong, about 10 to 12 percent of schoolchildren have dyslexia. As for reading Chinese, dyslexics often see **radicals** as being flipped sideways. To help dyslexic kids, the government has made some word game apps.



For English learners, you can try this webpage: 22 Dyslexia Games to Improve Learning (bit.ly/2mfgR0h).



Find the words.

dyslexia
jumbled
brain

disorder
genetic
symmetry

a i x e l s y d d h
y i r p b k b e a u
r e b e q r l k f n
t n g q d b a r d q
e a z z m r y i z z
m q e u v a o c n g
m n j m i a y s c c
y a g g e n e t i c
s r d z q y g a h d
r f y o d h o k r n

Answers on P12

jumbled-up (adj)
亂成一團

numeral (n)
數字

vice versa (phr)
反之亦然

Vocabulary
Challenge ★★★★★

cerebral cortex (n phr)
大腦皮質

genetic (adj)
基因的

radical (n)
部首