



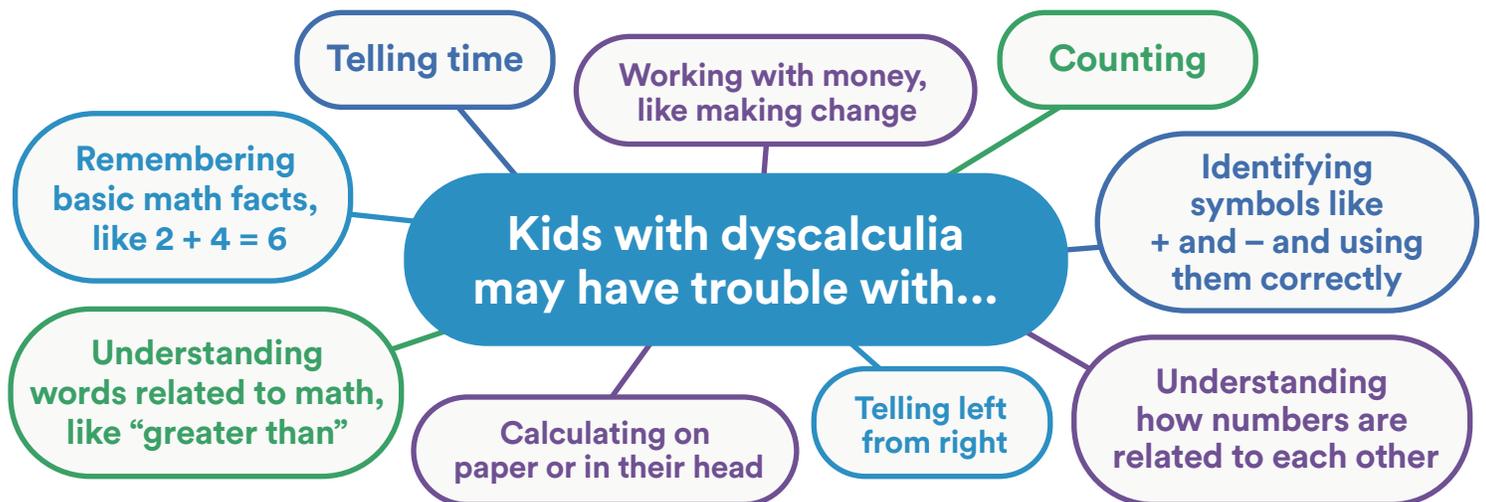
# Dyscalculia Fact Sheet

## Dyscalculia is...

- ✓ **A learning issue** that makes it hard to understand concepts related to numbers and do tasks like add and subtract.
- ✓ **A common condition.** Some experts say dyscalculia is just as common as dyslexia.
- ✓ **A common co-occurrence.** Dyscalculia can exist on its own but is often found in kids with issues like dyslexia and ADHD.

## Dyscalculia is *not*...

- ✗ **A sign of low intelligence.** You can be very smart and have dyscalculia.
- ✗ **The same thing as math anxiety.** But it often co-occurs with this emotional issue, which involves self-doubt and fear of failure.
- ✗ **A lack of effort.** Kids with dyscalculia need different kinds of interventions to make progress—not more of the same instruction.



## Ways to help kids with dyscalculia



**Multisensory structured math instruction** engages kids through sight, hearing, movement and touch.



**Accommodations**, like taking untimed tests or using blocks or other objects to help solve a math problem, can help kids show what they know.



**Assistive technology** tools, like calculators and digital graph paper, can help level the playing field for kids who struggle with math.

## Success stories



**Mary Tyler Moore**  
Award-winning actress



**Kit Hughes**  
Tech entrepreneur and CEO of Look Listen



**Cher**  
Singer and actress (who also has dyslexia)

