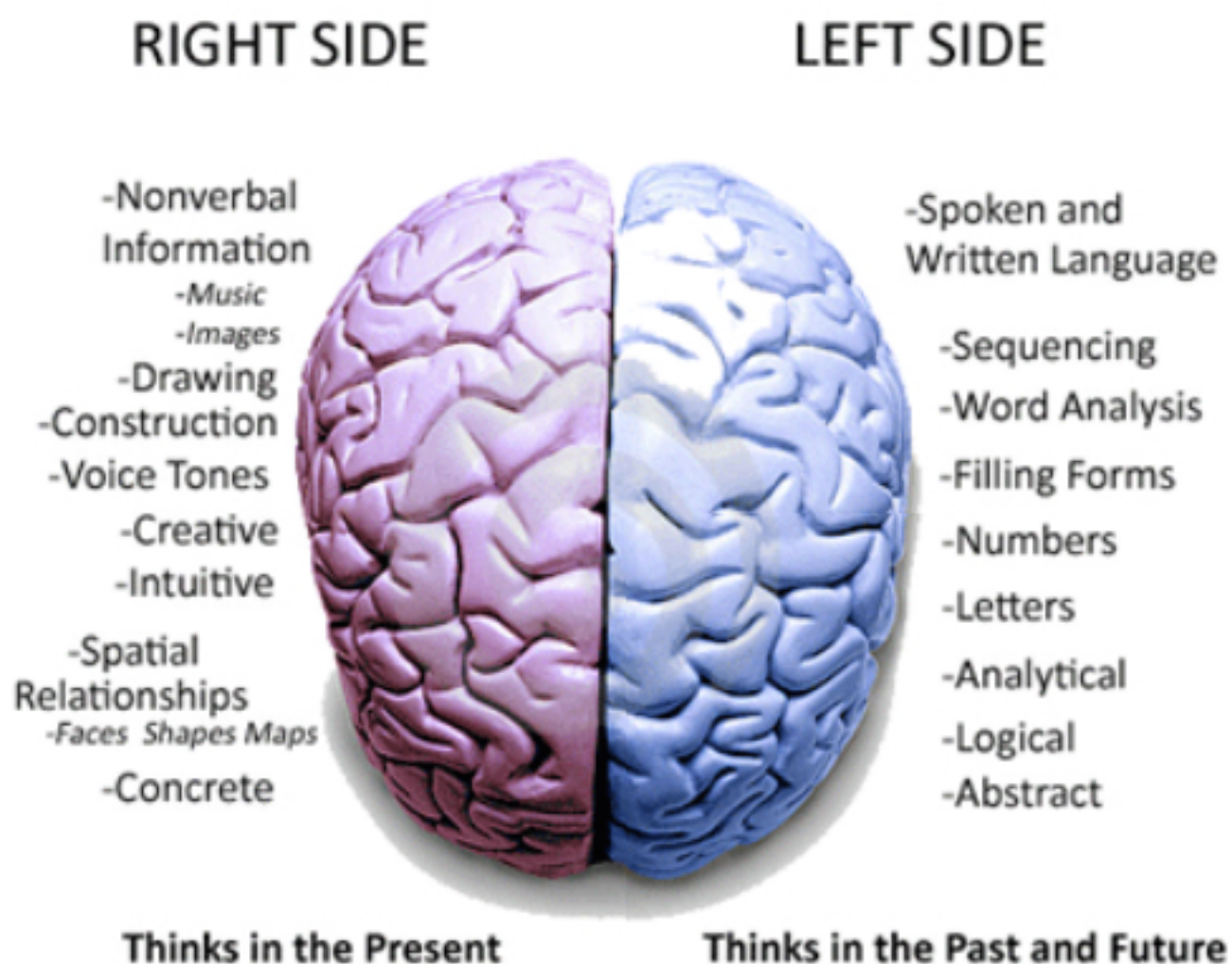


Dyslexia Facts and Statistics

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. To raise awareness and dispel misconceptions about Dyslexia, we have compiled a list of facts and statistics about Dyslexia.

- It is estimated that 1 in 10 people have dyslexia
- Over 40 million American Adults are dyslexic – and only 2 million know it
- Dyslexia is not tied to IQ – Einstein was dyslexic and had an estimated IQ of 160
- Dyslexia is not just about getting letters or numbers mixed up or out of order
- 80% of people associate dyslexia with some form of retardation – this is not true
- Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability or disorder that includes poor word reading, word decoding, oral reading fluency and spelling
- Dyslexia occurs in people of all backgrounds and intellectual levels
- Dyslexia has nothing to do with not working hard enough
- 20% of school-aged children in the US are dyslexic
- With appropriate teaching methods, dyslexics can learn successfully
- Over 50% of NASA employees are dyslexic
- Dyslexia runs in families; parents with dyslexia are very likely to have children with dyslexia
- Dyslexics may struggle with organizational skills, planning and prioritizing, keeping time, concentrating with background noise.
- Dyslexics may excel at connecting ideas, thinking out of the box, 3D thinking, seeing the big picture
- People with dyslexia excel or even gifted in areas of art, computer science, design, drama, electronics, math, mechanics, music, physics, sales and sports
- Many famous people are dyslexic including: Orlando Bloom, Whoopi Goldberg, Stephen Spielberg, Kiera Knightley, Albert Einstein and Patrick Dempsey



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