# Myth-Busters on Dyslexia

From Fiction to Fact

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# Myth

Dyslexia is rare.

# Fact

Dyslexia affects approximately 1 in 10 people.

It is one of the most common learning differences..

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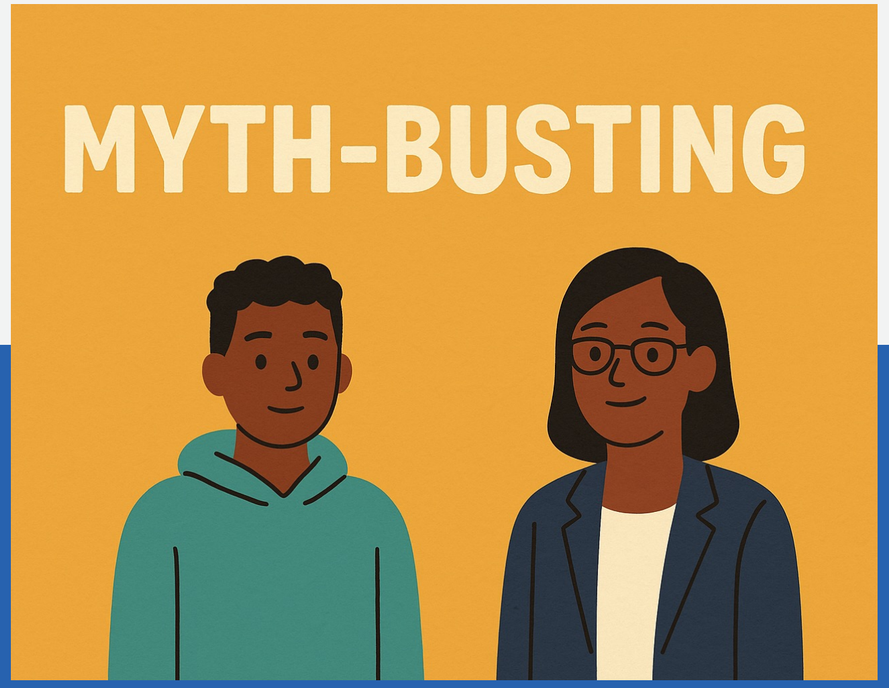


# Myth

Dyslexia can be cured through expensive treatments.

# Fact

Dyslexia is not curable but can be managed.

With appropriate support and strategies, young people with dyslexia can succeed academically.

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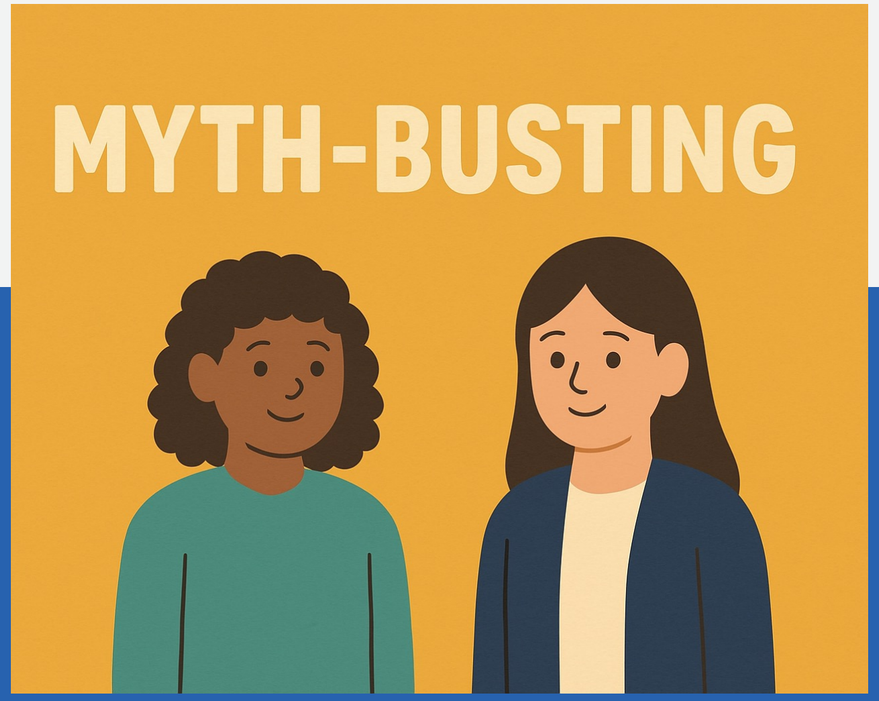


# Myth

Having dyslexia guarantees additional educational support.

# Fact

A dyslexia diagnosis does not automatically entitle a student to additional educational support.

Support is based on assessed needs, determined by the school’s AEN team.

SNA support for dyslexia alone is extremely rare.

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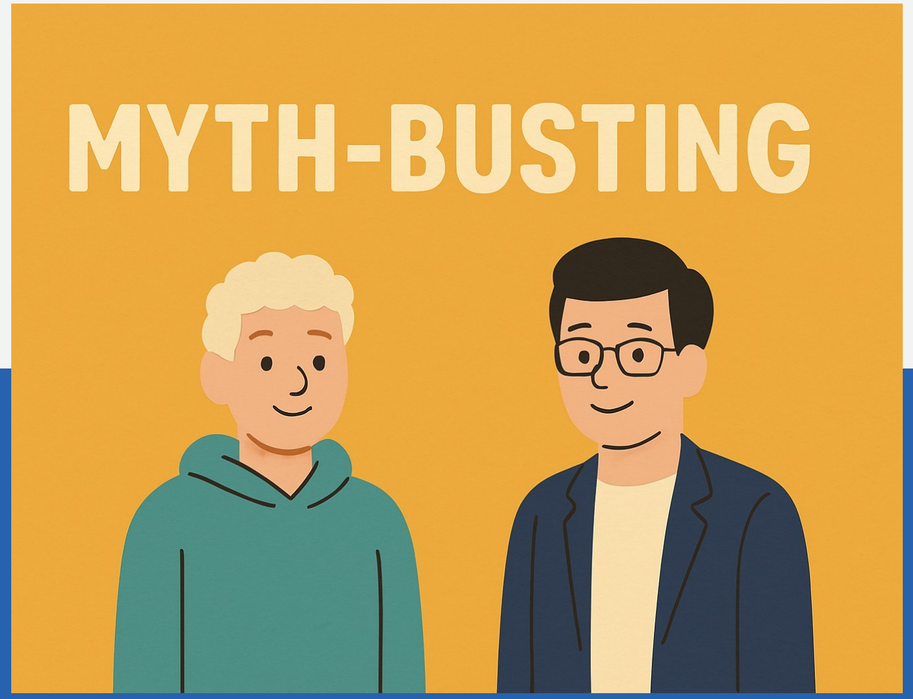


# Myth

Dyslexia is linked to IQ.

# Fact

Dyslexia is not related to intelligence.

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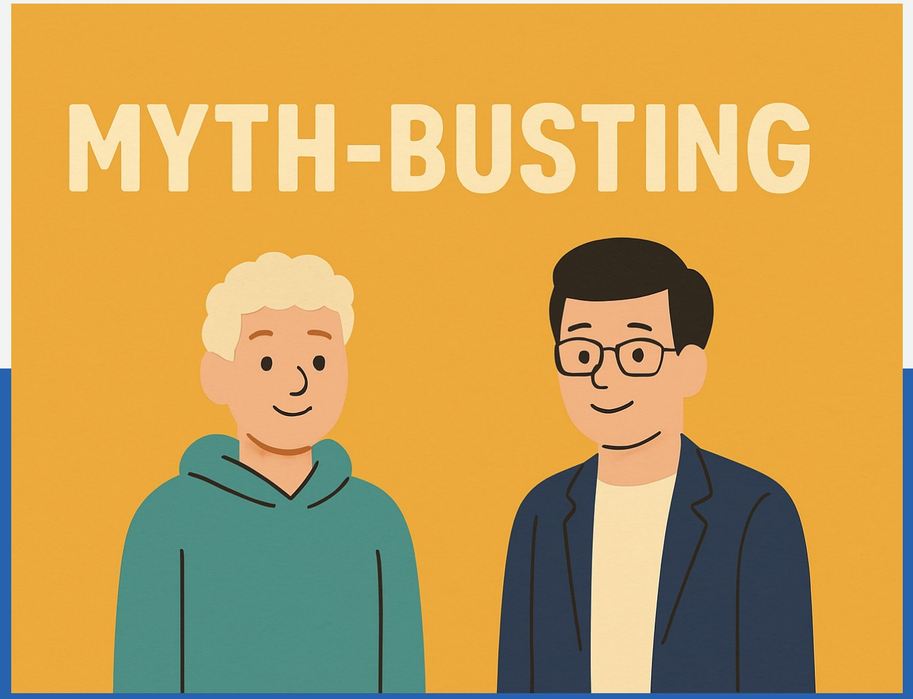


# Myth

All Dyslexics are gifted artists or think outside of the box

# Fact

Whilst some Dyslexic students will have specific talents or skills, there is huge individual variation.

Both positive and negative stereotypes are best avoided.

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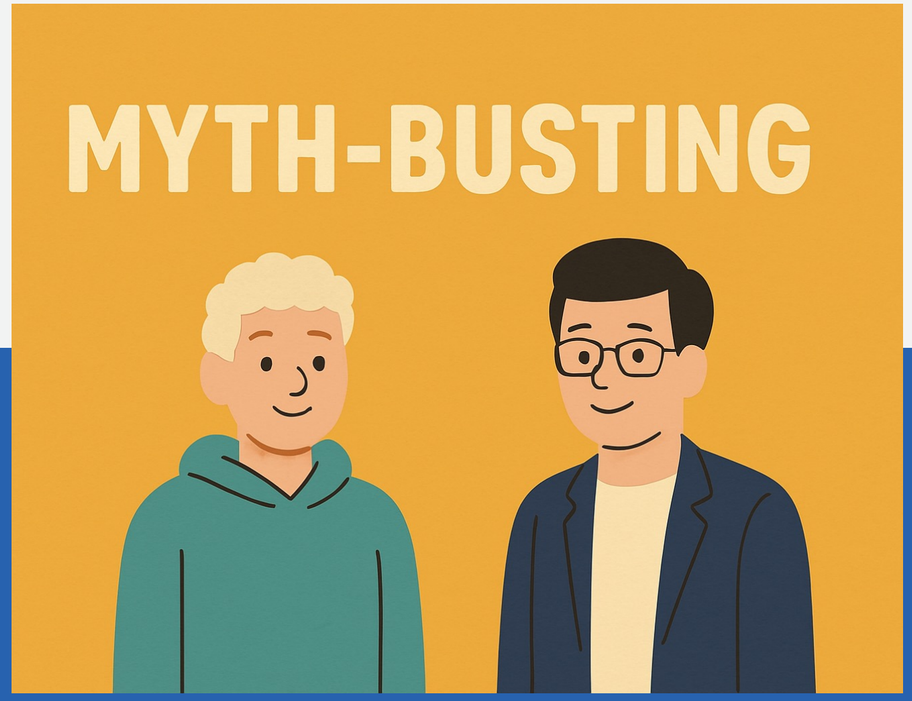


# Myth

An exemption from Irish means no MFL.

# Fact

An Irish exemption does not prevent a young person from studying an MFL.

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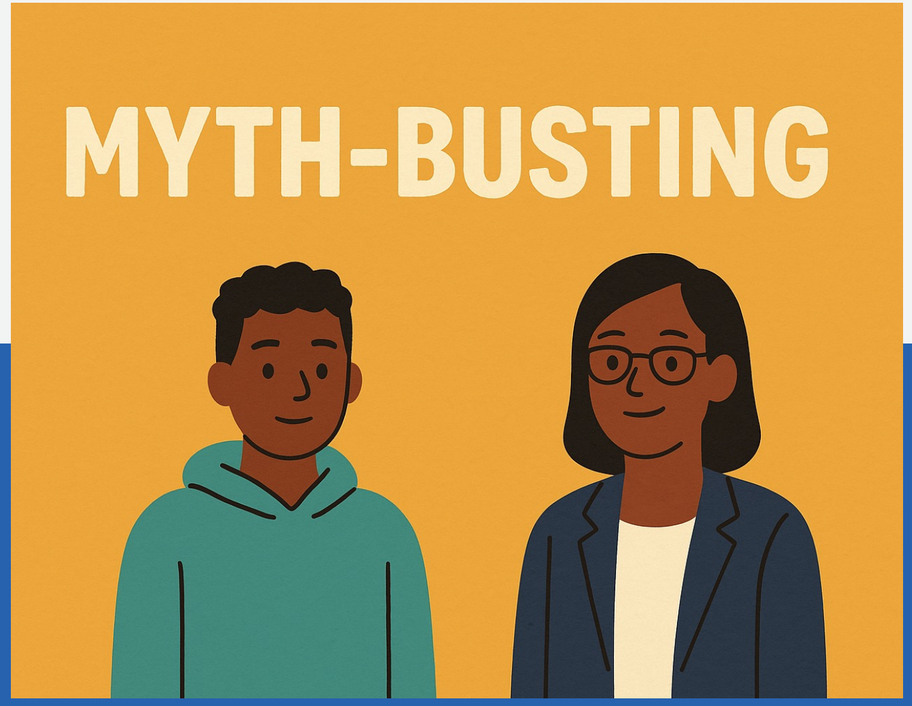


# Myth

Dyslexia makes it impossible to learn any languages.

# Fact

Learning languages can be more challenging, but students with dyslexia can succeed.

Some young people find Modern Foreign Languages easier than Irish.

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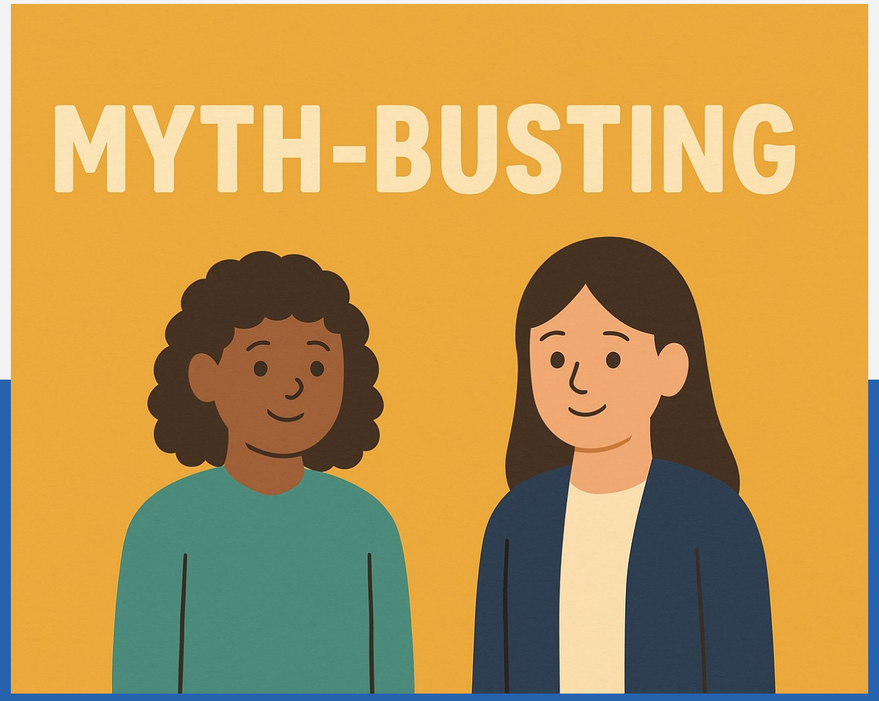


# Myth

Dyslexia means a young person can never learn to read

# Fact

Dyslexia does not prevent reading development.

With the right teaching methods and supports, most young people with dyslexia can learn to read.

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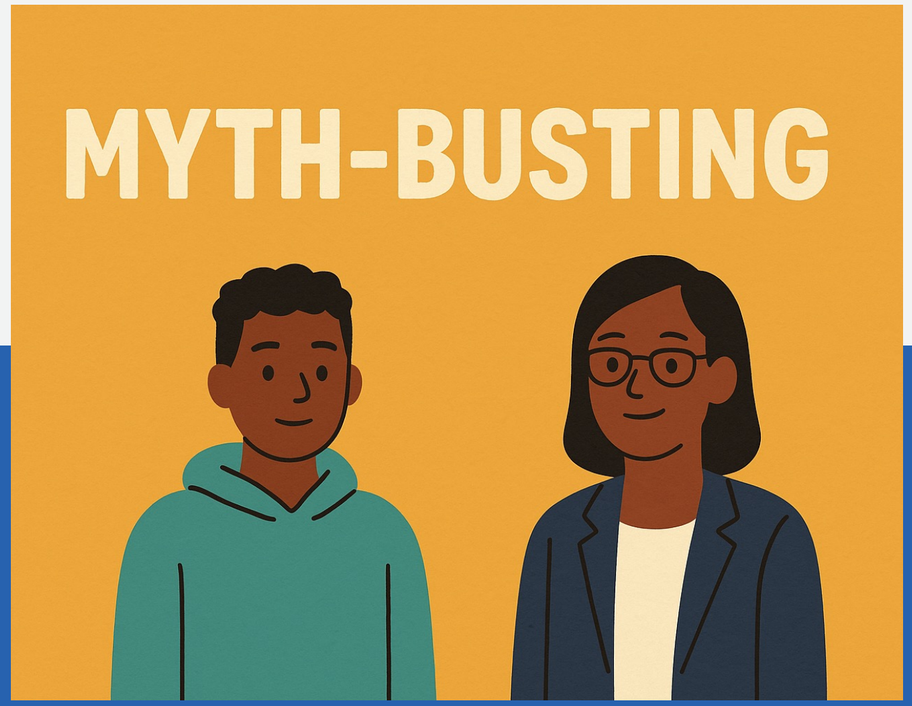


# Myth

Having dyslexia will enable students to have extra time in examinations.

# Fact

Extra time is not automatically granted to young people with dyslexia.

Co-occurring conditions may qualify learners for extra time. Extra time is usually only given for physical or medical conditions.

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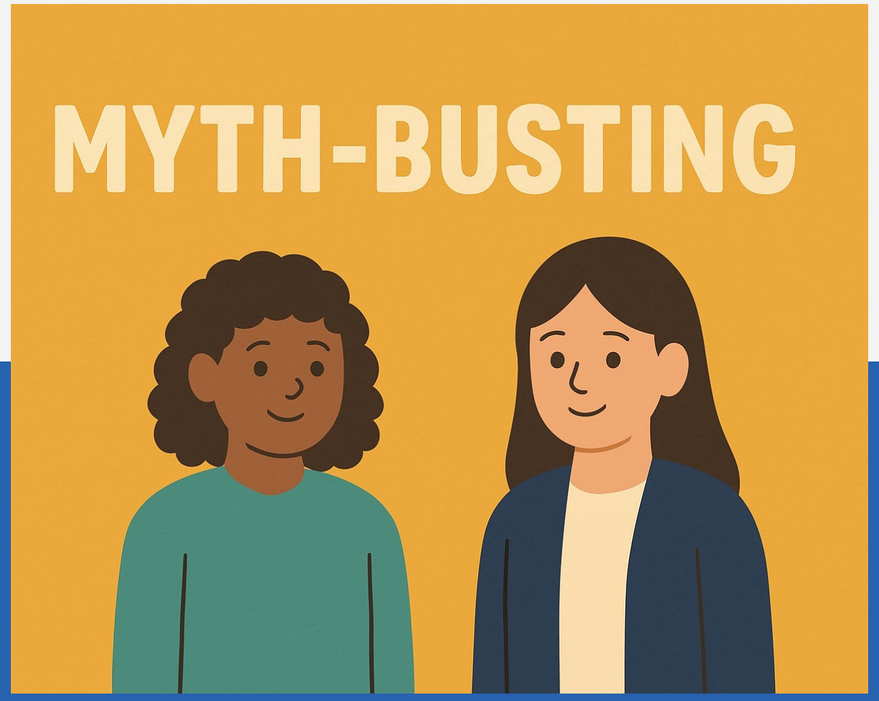


# Myth

Having dyslexia automatically grants a student the use of laptop in State Exams.

# Fact

Laptops are not automatically provided.

A student must meet specific criteria to qualify for a laptop.

Not all students with dyslexia will qualify for one.

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# Myth

Spelling and Grammar Waiver applies to every subject.

# Fact

The waiver only applies to English, Irish, and Modern Foreign Languages.

Students are not penalised for spelling or grammar errors in other subjects, so don’t penalise them in their classwork.

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# Key Takeaways

- The myths about dyslexia can create barriers to understanding.
- Accurate knowledge helps us provide the best support for young people with dyslexia.

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