

Dyscalculia

makes math hard.

People with dyscalculia have trouble working with numbers and understanding concepts like “bigger” and “smaller.” With the right teaching and tools, they can get better at math.

is common.

Experts say dyscalculia is a common learning difference. Chances are you know someone with dyscalculia. There are even scientists and mathematicians who have it.

is often overlooked.

Signs of dyscalculia can show up as early as preschool, but often go unnoticed. Or people might ignore signs because they assume someone is just “bad at math.”

Dyscalculia isn't a problem of intelligence or lack of effort.

Trouble areas

- Seeing how numbers fit together
- Counting
- Calculating
- Recalling math facts, like $2 + 4 = 6$
- Using concepts like “less than”
- Using symbols like + and –
- Telling left from right
- Reading a clock
- Working with dollars and coins

Ways to help

1. Blocks, number lines, and other tools to visualize how to solve math problems
2. Extra time for tests and other tasks that involve math
3. Technology like calculators and math apps to help make math easier to navigate