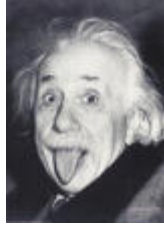


Famous People with Disabilities



Albert Einstein

He could not talk until the age of 4. He did not learn to read until he was 9. His teachers considered him to be mentally slow, unsociable and a dreamer. He failed the entrance exam for college. Ultimately, he developed the theory of relativity.



Walt Disney

He was slow in school work and did not have a successful school experience, but later became a well-known movie producer and cartoonist.



Nelson Rockefeller

This young man had much difficulty reading and throughout his life was unable to read well. However, he was the governor of the state of New York for four terms and later won congressional approval to be appointed vice president of the United States.

Famous People with Disabilities



Winston Churchill

This noted Englishman had much difficulty in school. He later became a national leader and an English Prime Minister.



Hans Christian Anderson

This young boy had difficulty reading, but was able to write some of the world's best loved stories.



George Patton

When he was 12 years-old, he could not read, and he remained deficient in reading all his life. However, he could memorize entire lectures which was how he got through school. He became a famous general during WWII.

Famous People with Disabilities



Tom Cruise

He is a famous movie star with dyslexia. He learns his lines by listening to a tape.



Thomas Edison

He was unable to read until he was 12 years old and his writing skills were poor throughout his life.



George Washington

He was unable to spell throughout his life and his grammar usage was very poor. His brother suggested that perhaps surveying in the backwoods might be an appropriate career for his young brother.

Famous People with Disabilities



Magic Johnson

He is a famous basketball star. He has a reading problem.



Robin Williams

This actor/comedian has been diagnosed with ADHD.



Harry Anderson

He has ADD and managed to con and charm his way through school. He had an extraordinary memory and could remember anything at 16. He was class valedictorian, but he could barely read to rehearse his lines for Night Court.

Famous People with Disabilities



Whoopi Goldberg

She is an actor and a comedienne who is also LD.



Danny Glover

He is an actor with LD who as a child struggled to read and felt less than smart.



George Burns

He was an actor and comedian who was also LD.

Famous People with Disabilities



Cher

She is a singer and an actress who is also LD.



Leonardo Da Vinci

He was a Renaissance artist, sculptor, painter, and inventor. He is thought to have been dyslexic.



Edward James Olmos

He is an actor and a community activist who is also LD.

Famous People with Disabilities



Charles Schwab

He is a very rich founder of an investment brokerage who is also LD.



Lindsey Wagner

She is an actress, an author, the "Bionic Woman" and is also LD.



Henry Winkler

He is an actor, director, humanitarian, and of course, "The Fonz". He is also LD.



Thomas Jefferson

He was reported to have many learning difficulties.

Famous People with Disabilities



Woodrow Wilson

He was president of the USA from 1913-1921 and was severely dyslexic.



Bruce Jenner

He is an Olympic decathlon champion who barely got himself through school. He was diagnosed as a dyslexic. Through sports he could hold his head up with friends and feel good about himself.



Tracy Gold

She is an actress best known for her role on Growing Pains. She is also LD.