

Are you an arch, whorl or a loop?

Dyslexia is different for every person, just like your fingerprints. Every single person has a different fingerprint (even twins), although they may show similar patterns, no two are the same. So everyone is different and being different is a good thing. See what type of fingerprint you have.

You will need:

- Sheet of white paper
- Ink pad or powder paint on a dish (you can even use cocoa powder)
- Magnifying glass

1 Place your thumb onto the ink pad or powder. If you are using powder make sure you don't have too much on your finger, you need just enough to cover it.

2 Gently place your thumb (or finger) onto the paper and gently press down to leave a print. Try your fingers to see whether they are different.

3 You may need a magnifying glass to see the lines clearly.

Arch



Arch fingerprints have ridges that form a hill. Some arches look like they have a pointed tent shape.

Loop



These patterns have a curved path that hooks inwards or outwards

Whorl



Whorls are usually circular or spiral in shape

Dyslexia Awareness Week

What shapes and patterns can you see? Are you an arch, a whorl or a loop? Compare your fingerprints to someone else, and see how different they all are.



No-one else in the world
has a fingerprint like
yours - how cool
is that?

