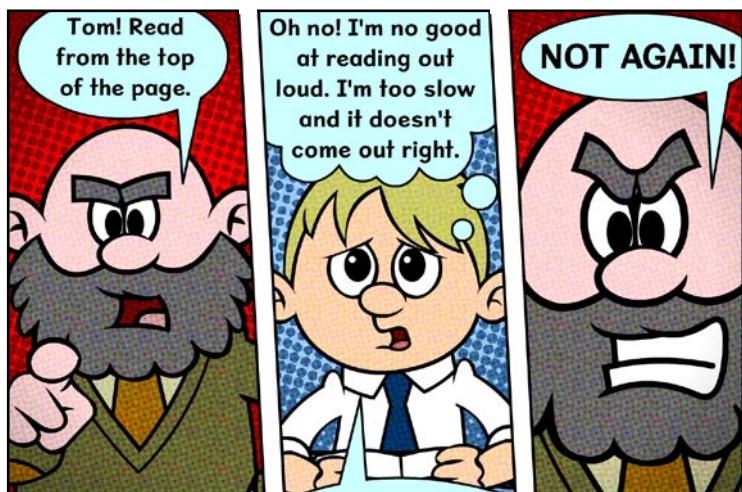
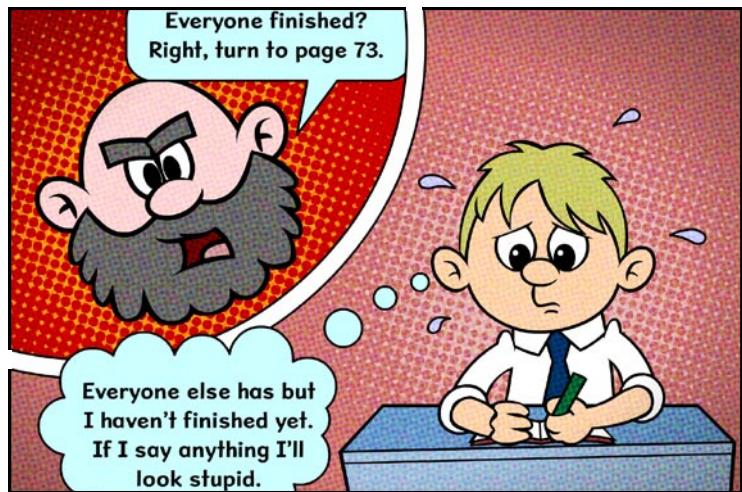
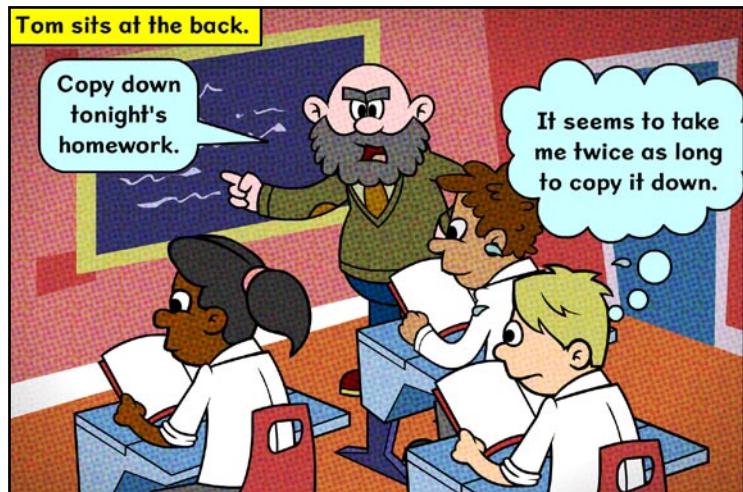
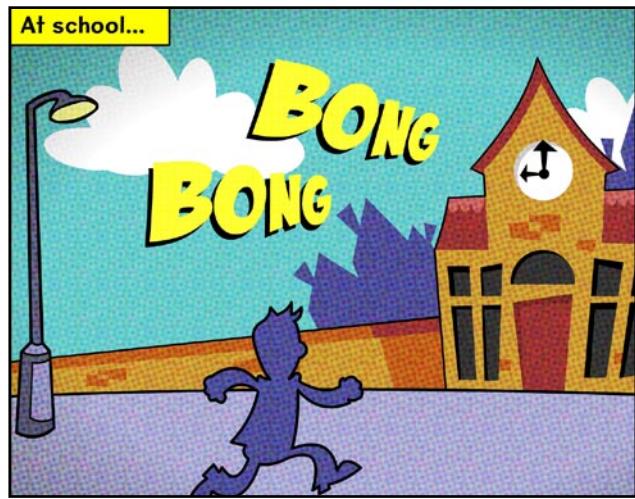
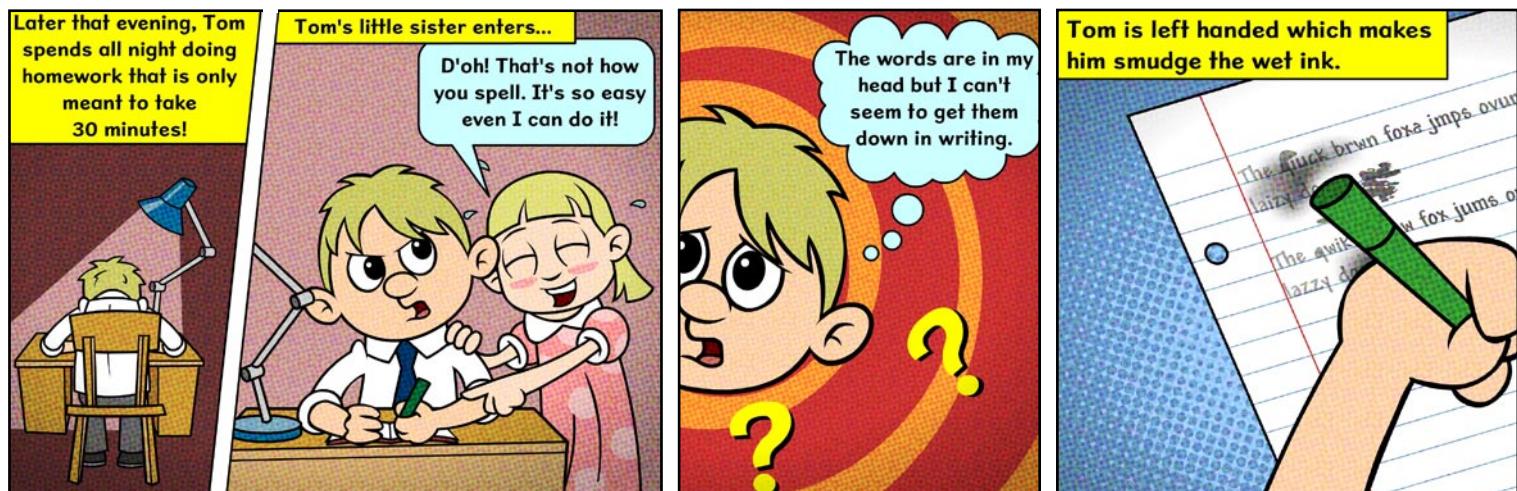


What's it like being... DYSLEXIC?



Later that evening, Tom spends all night doing homework that is only meant to take 30 minutes!



The next morning,
Tom pretends he is ill.

Get up Tom, you're
late. I've brought up
your porridge.

Groan...I don't
feel very well.

Tom sticks the
thermometer in
the hot porridge!

You can only stay
home if you have a
temperature.

Grrr, you silly boy! This could have
exploded in your mouth and poisoned
you! NOW GET TO SCHOOL!!!

At school Mr Teasewell
is not impressed with
Tom's homework.

I spent ages on that.
What's the point?

Today was Mr Teasewell's
spelling test...

What do you call
this you lazy boy?

Spell...
blah...blah...blah...

Everyone had to read
out their scores.

18/20!

0/20!

19/20!

20/20!

GASP! I couldn't
even copy and get
it right!

Tom copied from his friend!

Later, Tom is caught fighting.

You're suspended!

POW

BOSH

BITT

But they were
calling me stupid.

Tom's mum meets a friend
for coffee. She is a teacher.

I am so worried about
him. He can't seem to
remember anything!

Has Tom been
tested for dyslexia?

He forgets his books
and is so disorganised.
Tom is very unhappy.

Tom's mum goes to see Mr Teasewell.

Could Tom be dyslexic?

Mr Teasewell

Tom's doing okay. He's just a bit lazy. Most boys are at his age, but he'll catch up. Don't label him as dyslexic.

One year later, Tom has made no improvement. His confidence is at rock bottom.

Tom? You are going to be tested for dyslexia.

Gulp! I HATE tests. What's wrong with me?

On the day of the test...

Hi, I'm Dr Simon Collyjist, but call me Si.

We are going to do some puzzles, arrange some blocks and do a few quizzes.

That doesn't sound too bad!

Can you find the next matching picture?

I think I'm quite good at this!

Two hours later...

We've finished. Would you like to come in Tom's mum?

Tom has a 'Specific Learning Difficulty'.

What's That?!

Just another name for dyslexia. It's called that because every dyslexic is different.

I'm tired, but I enjoyed that!

What's wrong with me?

Everyone has things they are good and bad at.

There's nothing wrong with your brain, you just use it differently.

