

## MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT LEARNING DISABILITIES (LD)

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People with "learning disabilities" are just lazy and unmotivated



Learning disabilities are mild impairments



Learning disabilities can be cured

Learning disabilities = reading disabilities



All disabilities are learning disabilities

## REALITIES



People with LD often work harder to achieve the same results as their peers



LD can be mild to severe and the impact can change across academic subjects and over the lifespan



Specialized instruction can help, but there is no cure for LD



LD can affect many areas of learning including reading, writing, listening, and math



LD can occur with, but is not the same as, other disabilities