




tips

to help dyslexics
love literacy

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Dyslexics may struggle with some elements of literacy, like sounding out words, spelling, punctuation and grammar. But many are brilliant imaginers, gifted storytellers and talented performers who bring words to life.

Here are **5 tips** to help them love literacy:

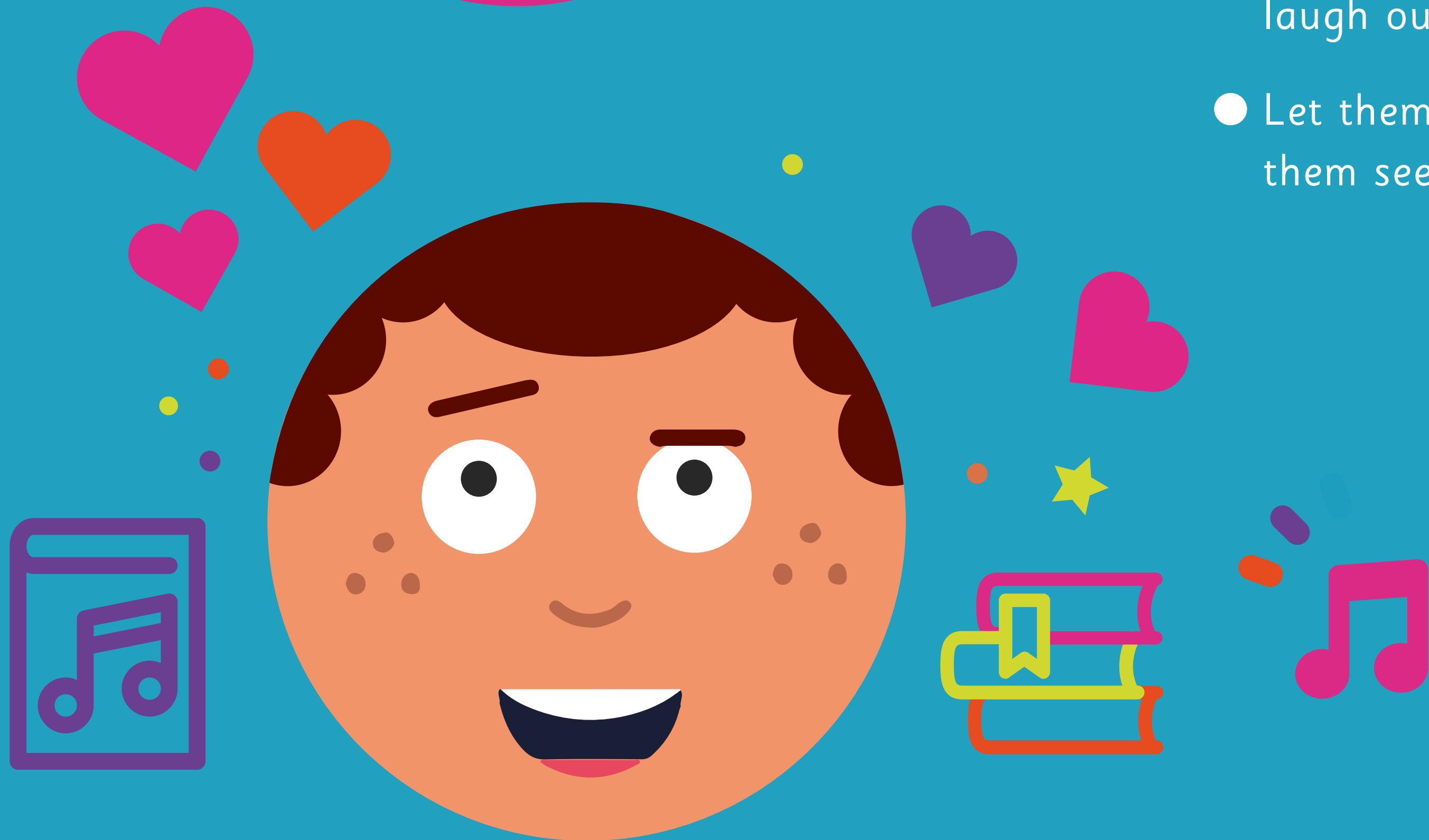
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tip 1

The real secret.

If you want your child to enjoy reading, get them to read books they might enjoy.

- Find books about their passion - whether it's dinosaurs or fairies, mythical beasts or books that make them laugh out loud.
- Let them choose the book - the freedom to choose helps them see reading as an adventure instead of a chore to do.



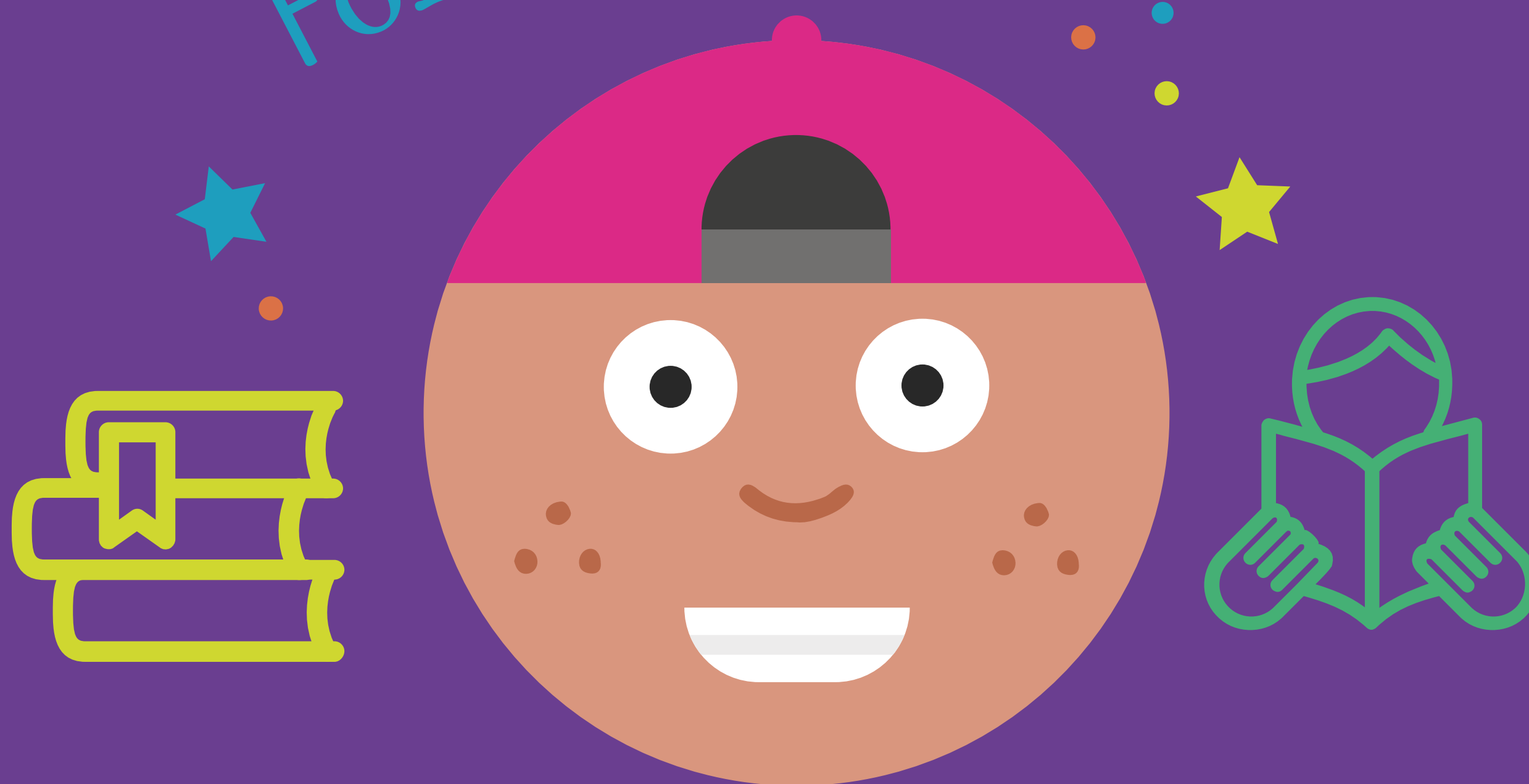
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tip 2

A little help along the way.

- Try finding books with different font types and sizes that may be more preferable to them.
- High / Low books allow children to find the right book for their interest, with a reading age that allows them to enjoy it.

Font types



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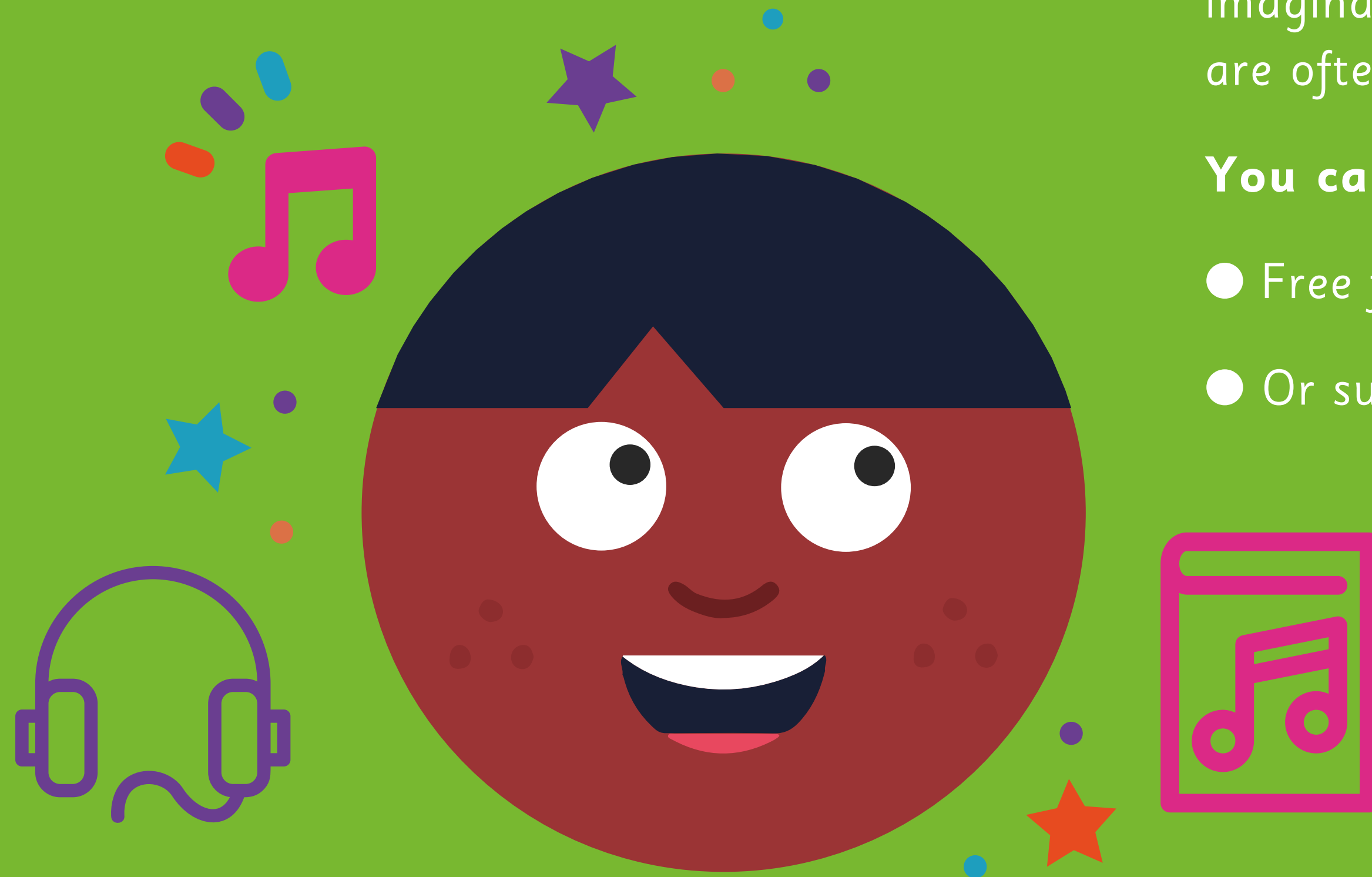
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Listen to audio books.

While many of us who are Made By Dyslexia find reading tiring because our brains are working twice as hard to decode the words and understand the story, many of us are natural storytellers, who love listening to stories and always ask for one more page before bed! Audio books are a great way to enjoy stories, feed our imagination and expand our vocabulary (something we dyslexics are often above average at).

You can access audio books:

- Free from your library.
- Or subscribe to Audible or Kobo.



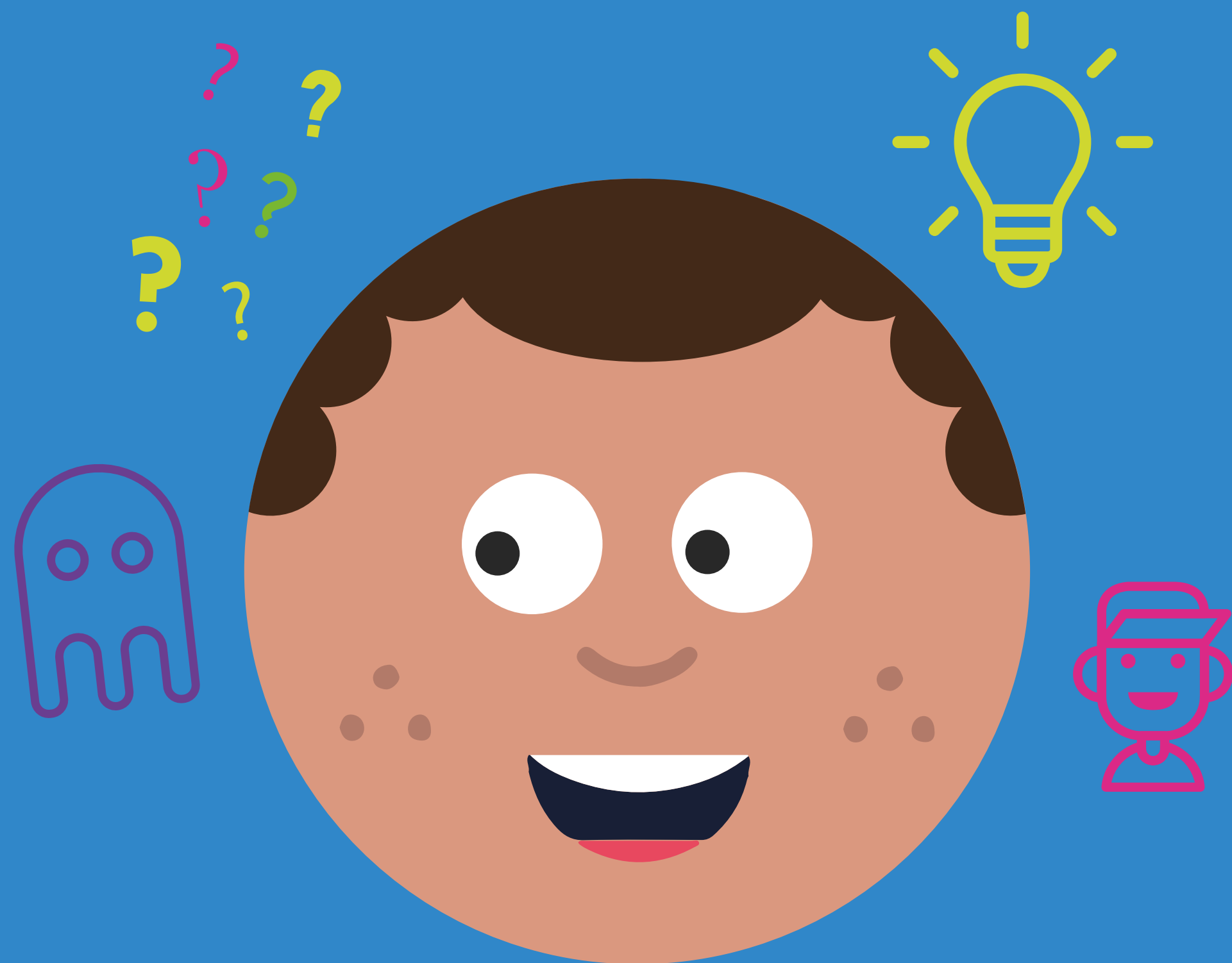
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Ask questions.

Literacy isn't just about reading, writing and spelling. It's about understanding what we read.

- Dyslexics are naturally curious and questioning.
- So take time to talk about what you're reading.
- Ask why a character is behaving like that.
- Let them predict what's going to happen next.

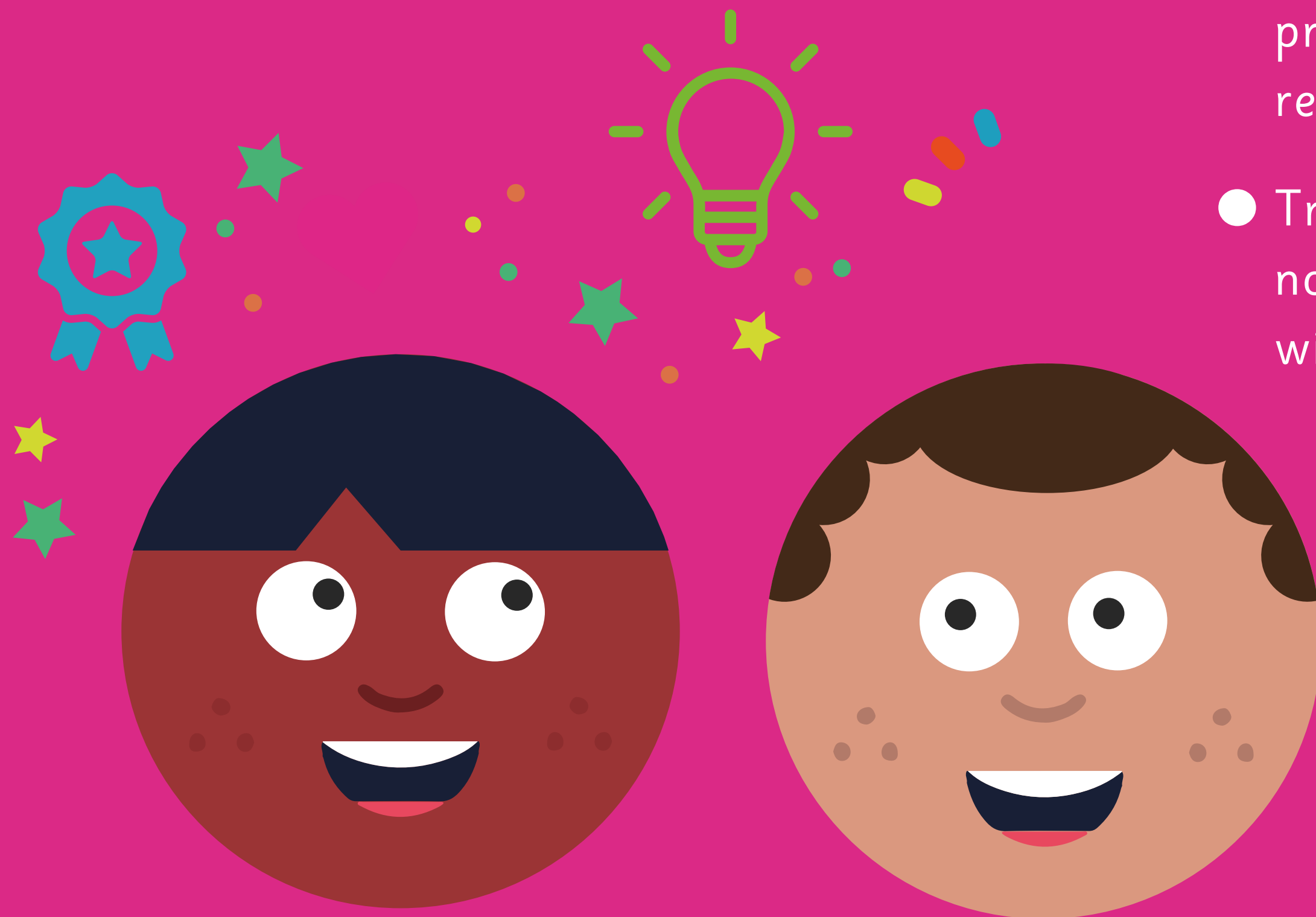


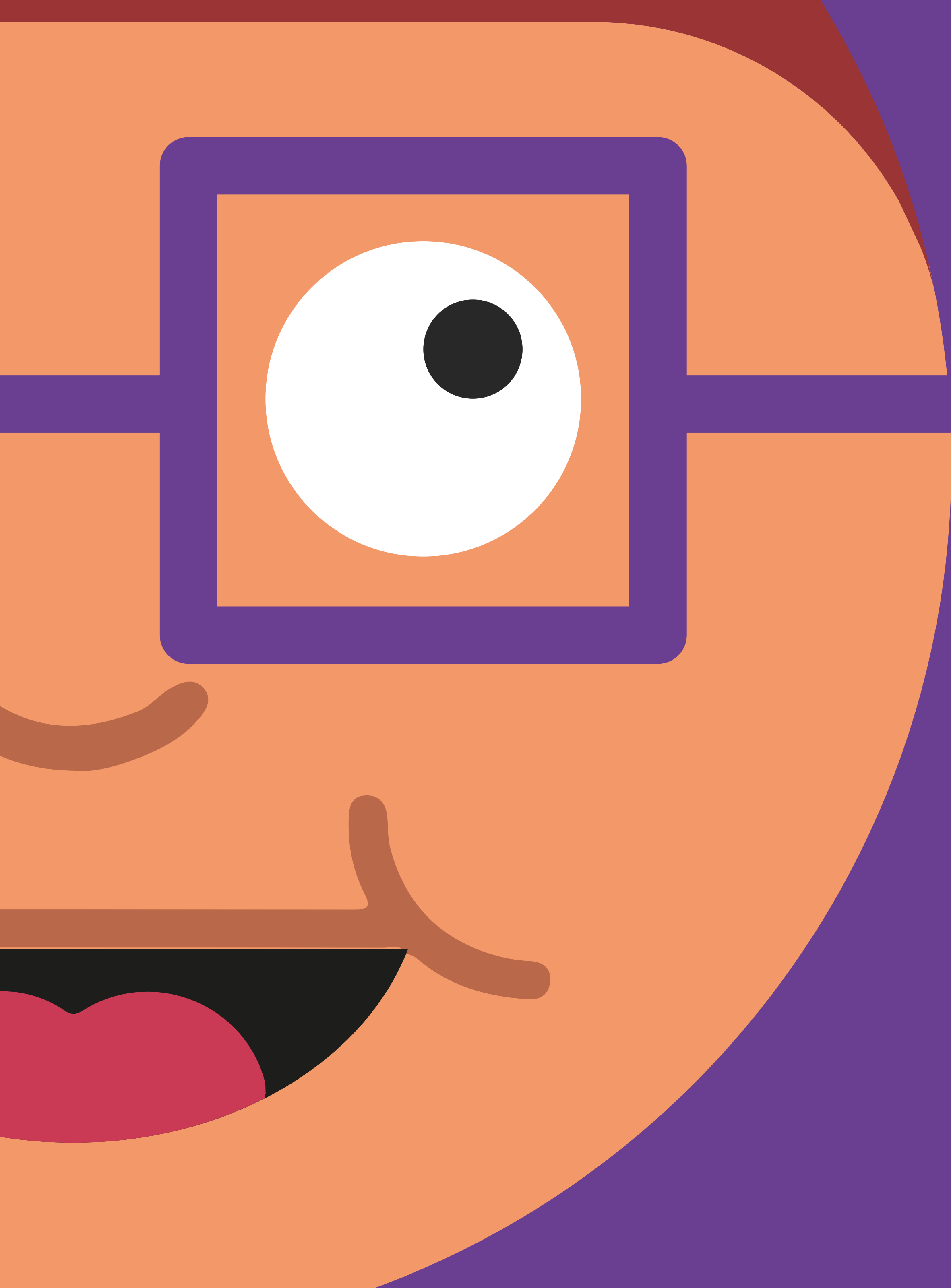
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Share your love of stories.

Encourage reading for fun at home and read together when possible.

- Take turns to read a page.
- Lots of dyslexic children are born performers. Let them pretend to be a character and imagine what voice they'd read the book in.
- Try different genres: poems or jokes, comics, non-fiction books about passion points are big hits with dyslexic readers.





Find out more:

Watch:

Our Literacy training video (in 6 mins flat)

<https://education.microsoft.com/en-us/course/4acb190d/0>

Read:

A guide to literacy for parents and families

<https://improvingliteracy.org>



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