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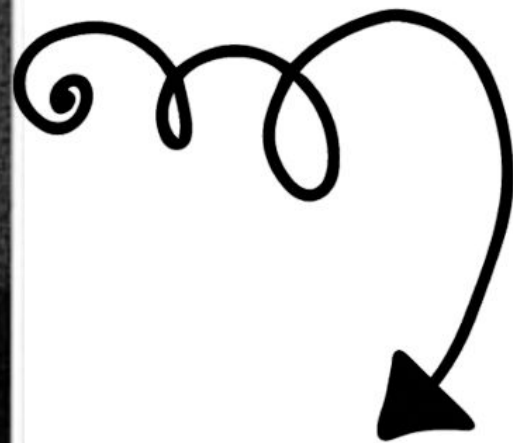
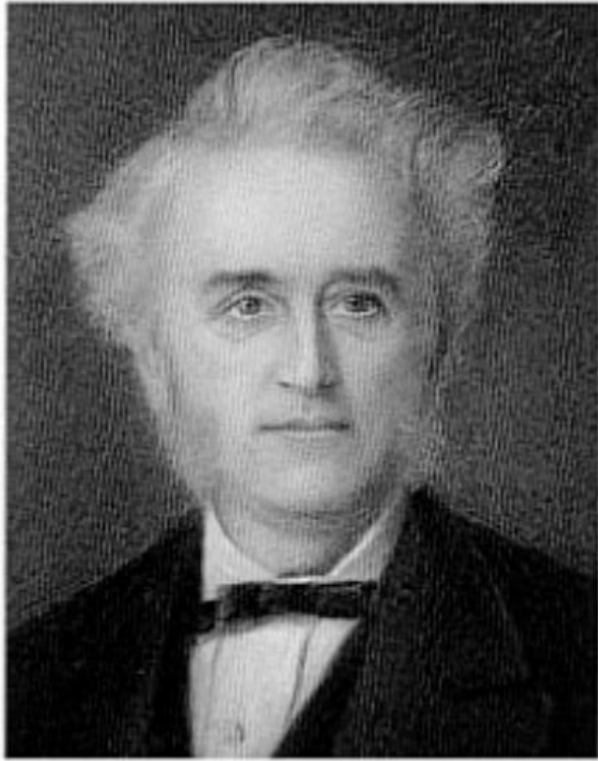
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**Pre-K - 2nd
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Why is it called
down syndrome?



In 1866 Dr. John Langdon Down was the first to research and identify similar things about people with Down syndrome. The syndrome was then named after Dr. Down.

Living With down syndrome

People with Down syndrome are more alike than different! They can accomplish many of the same things you can, it just may take them a little more time.

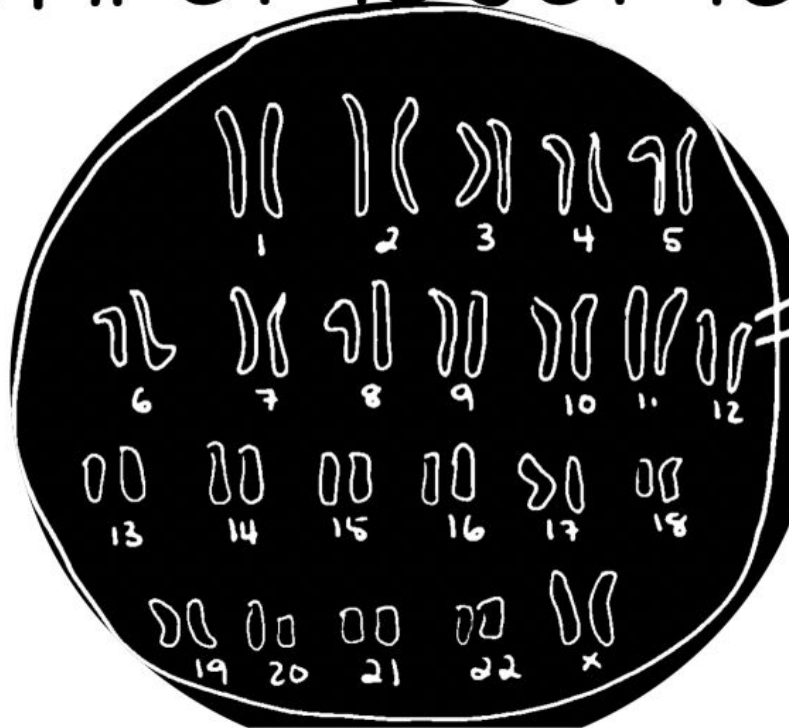


Having Down syndrome does not limit what an individual can do. They can attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.

**Fun Fact: Did you know the colors blue and yellow represent Down syndrome Awareness?

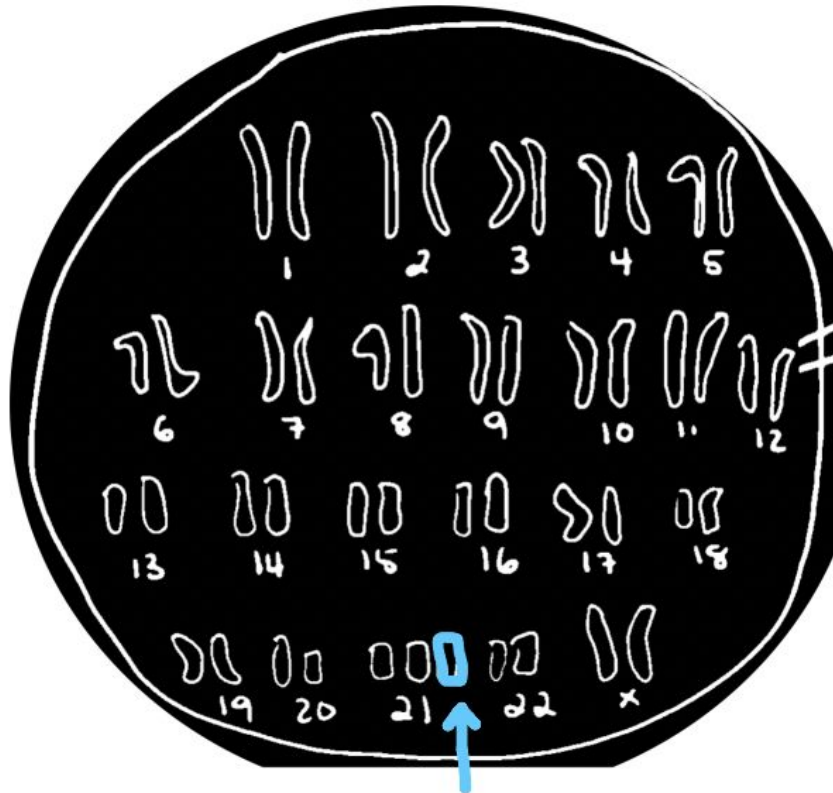
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Chromosomes



Most people are born with 46 chromosomes (23 pairs). Chromosomes are super tiny! They're so small that only scientists can see them with a microscope. Think of chromosomes as little directions inside your body that make you who you are. They decide things like gender, hair color, eye color, skin color, and even how tall you will be! Your chromosomes won't ever change. You will always have the same chromosomes that you were born with, and they make you unique!

What is down syndrome?



Individuals with Down syndrome are born with an extra copy of their 21st chromosome. So, they have 47 chromosomes, instead of 46. Now THAT is super unique! They have chromosomes like you, just one extra!

Who Can Have down syndrome?



Everyone who has Down syndrome was born with it and will always have it. If you were not born with DS, you cannot get it. People from all around the world are born with Down syndrome!

One in every 691 babies in the US is born with Down syndrome. There are over 400,000 people living in the US with Down syndrome today.

Famous Individuals With down syndrome



The cast of "**Born This Way**"-

These individuals have many accomplishments including: owning clothing businesses, being a rapper, and public speaking. Their show has won a Primetime Emmy Award, and a Critics' Choice Award.



Mikayla Holmgren- The first woman with Down syndrome to compete in a Miss USA state pageant (2017). She won two awards; the Spirit of Miss USA and the Director's Award.



Actor **David DeSanctis** from the movie "Where Hope Grows".



Marcus Sikora- published author. He wrote a children's story titled "Black Day- The Monster Rock Band"



Actress **Lauren Potter** from the T.V show "Glee"

More Famous Individuals With down syndrome



Actor Zack Gottsagen starred in the 2019 movie Peanut Butter Falcon alongside Shia LaBeouf and Dakota Johnson.



Chris Nikic, at 21 years old, entered the Guinness Book of World Records by becoming the first person with Down Syndrome to complete the event. Nikic completed the race in 16 hrs, 46 minutes and 9 seconds.



Sujeet Desai is a musician from Buffalo, New York who graduated from high school with a 4.3 GPA before graduating from Berkshire Hills Music Academy two years later. All in all, Desai can play seven instruments: Piano, violin, drums, Bb clarinet, Bass clarinet, trumpet, and saxophone. Two documentaries have been made about his accomplishments.