



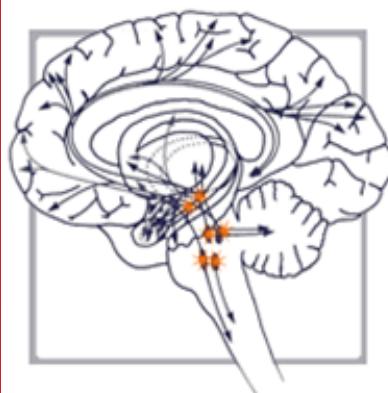
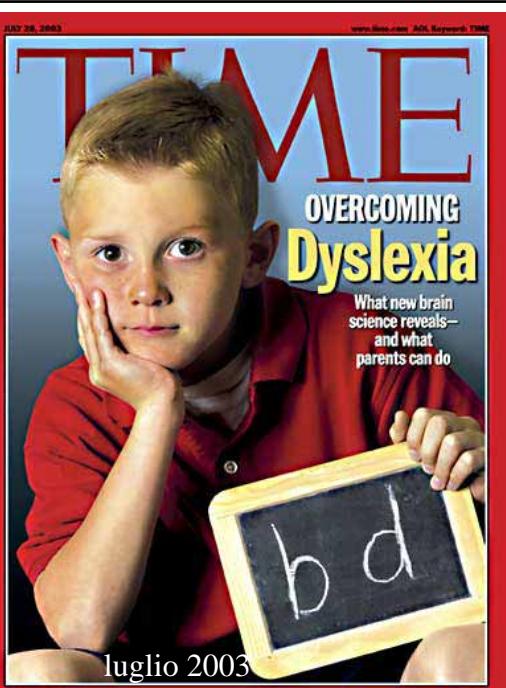
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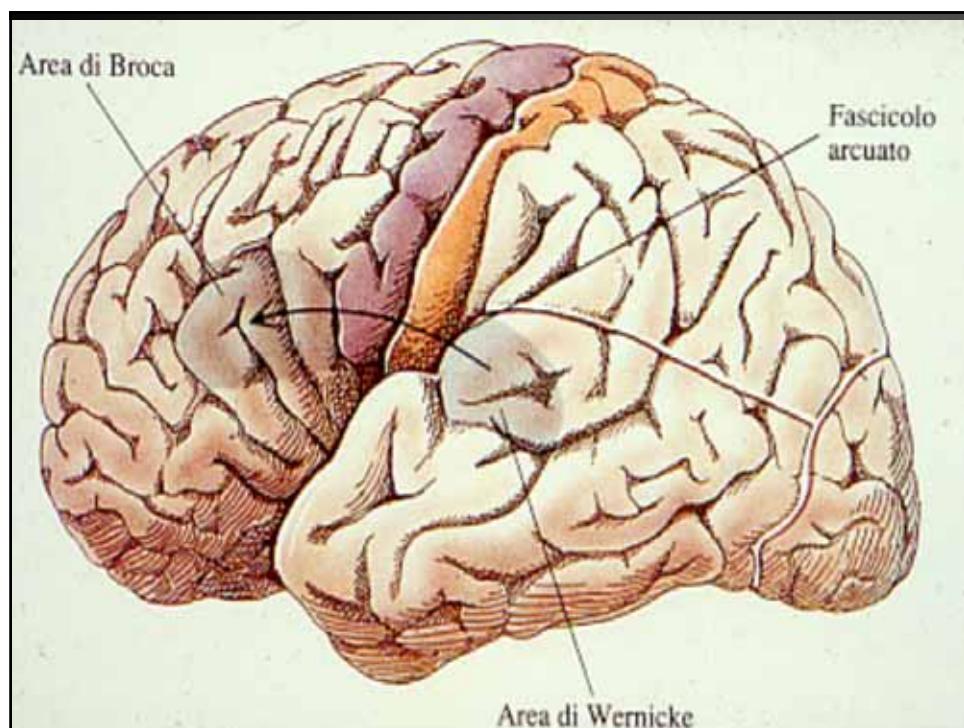
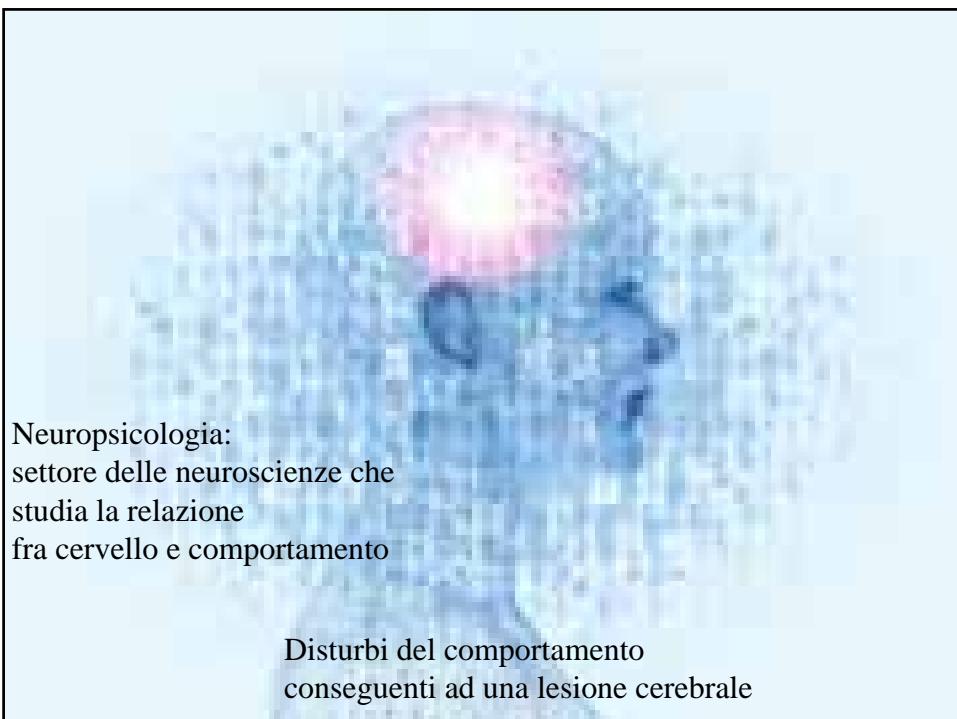
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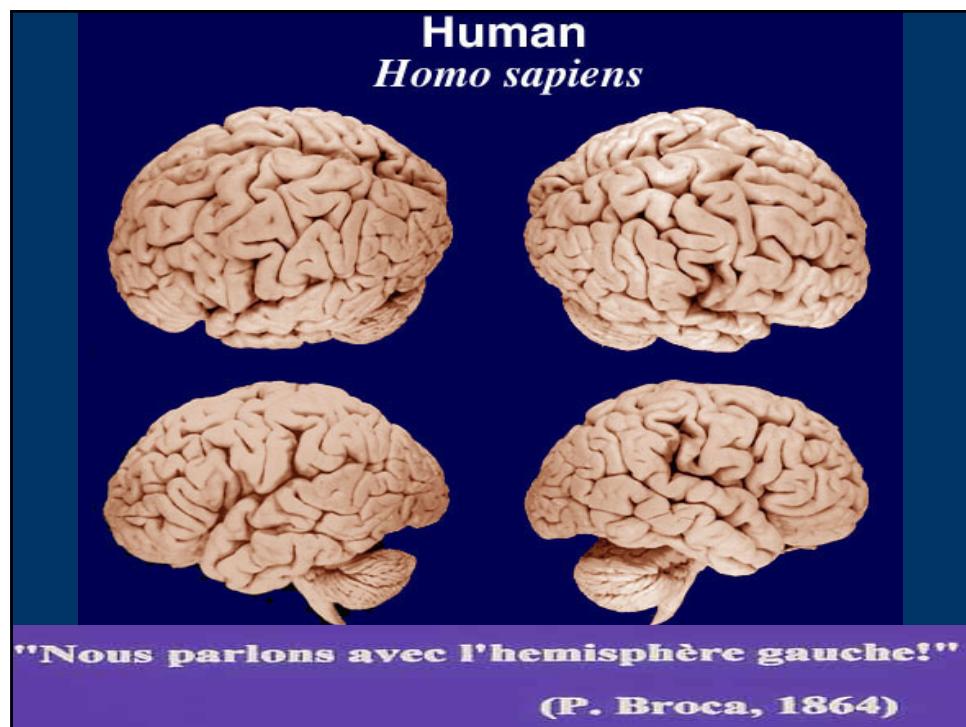
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Neuropsicologia
della lettura e
scrittura nei DSA

Massimo Piccirilli

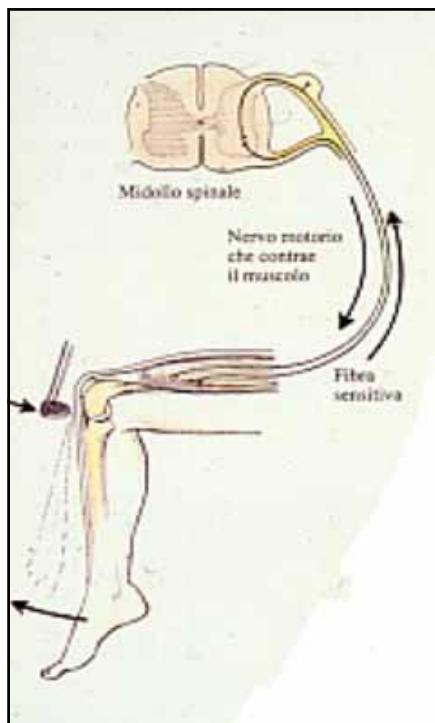






Valutazione psicometrica

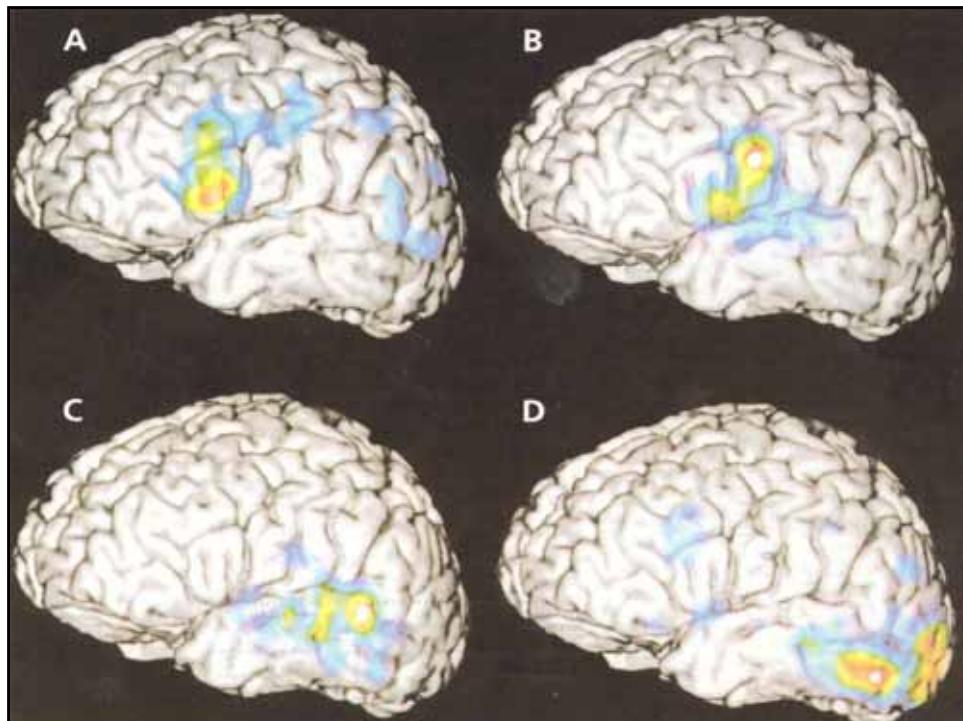
misurare una prestazione e collocare il soggetto lungo una scala di valori che ne identifica il livello nell'ambito di una popolazione di riferimento

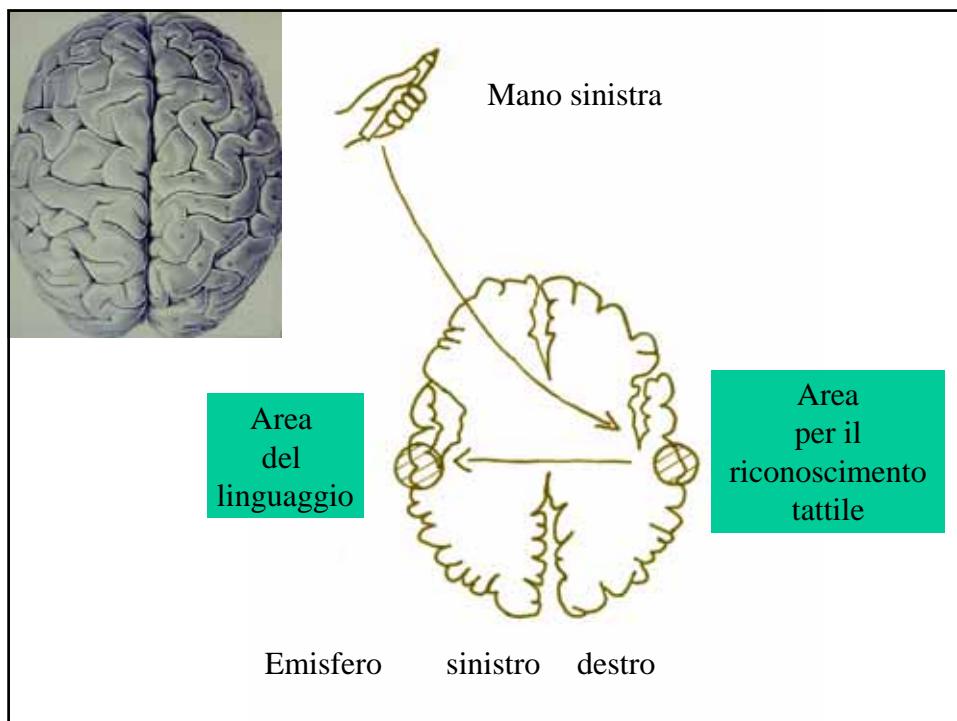
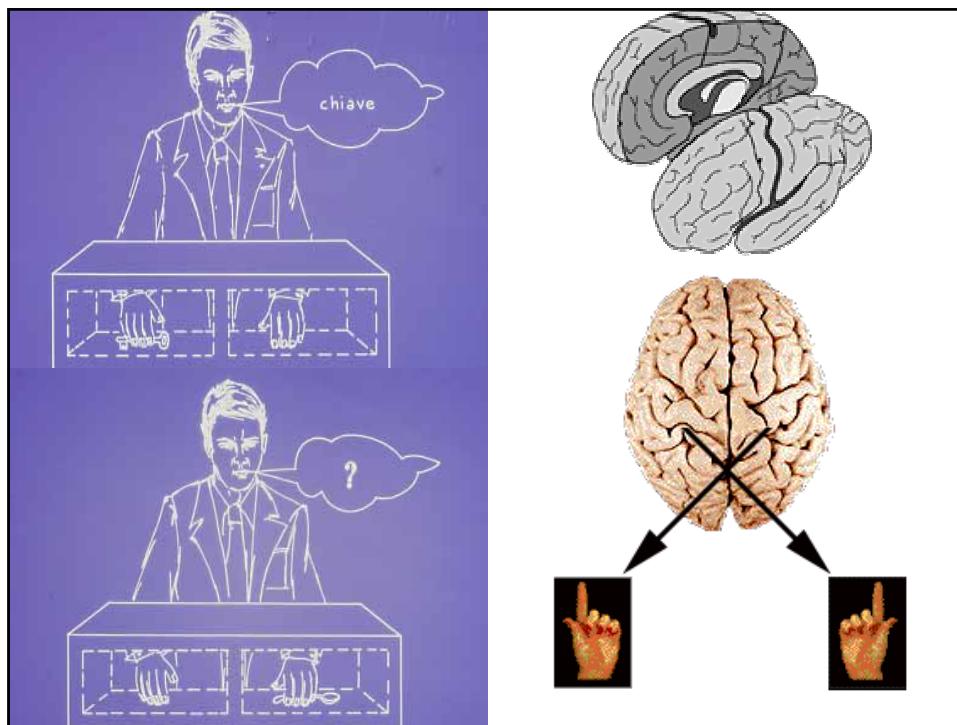


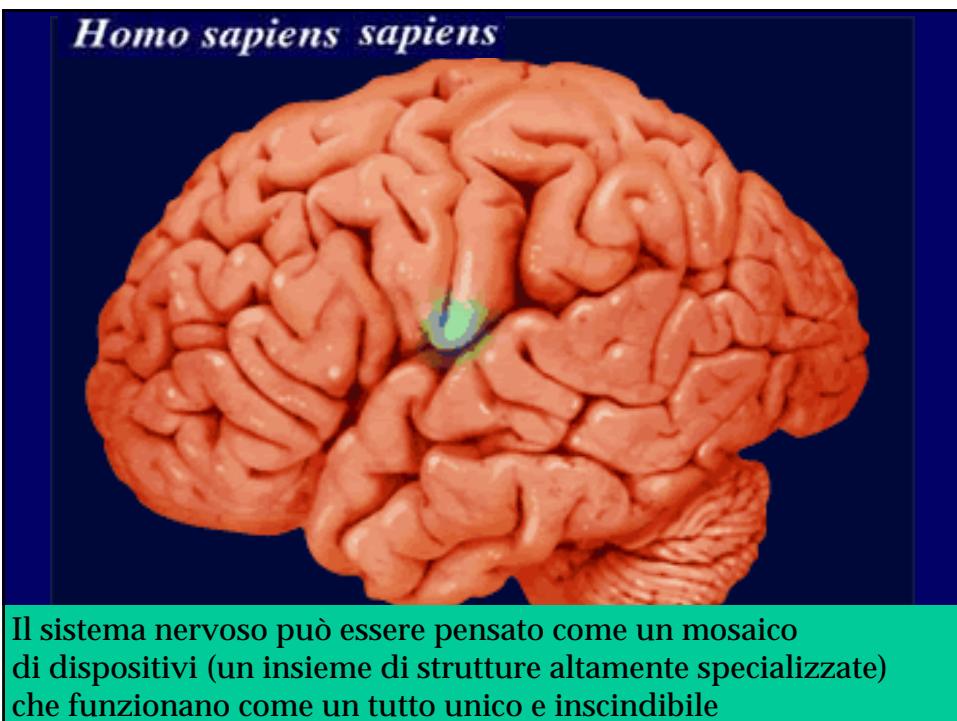
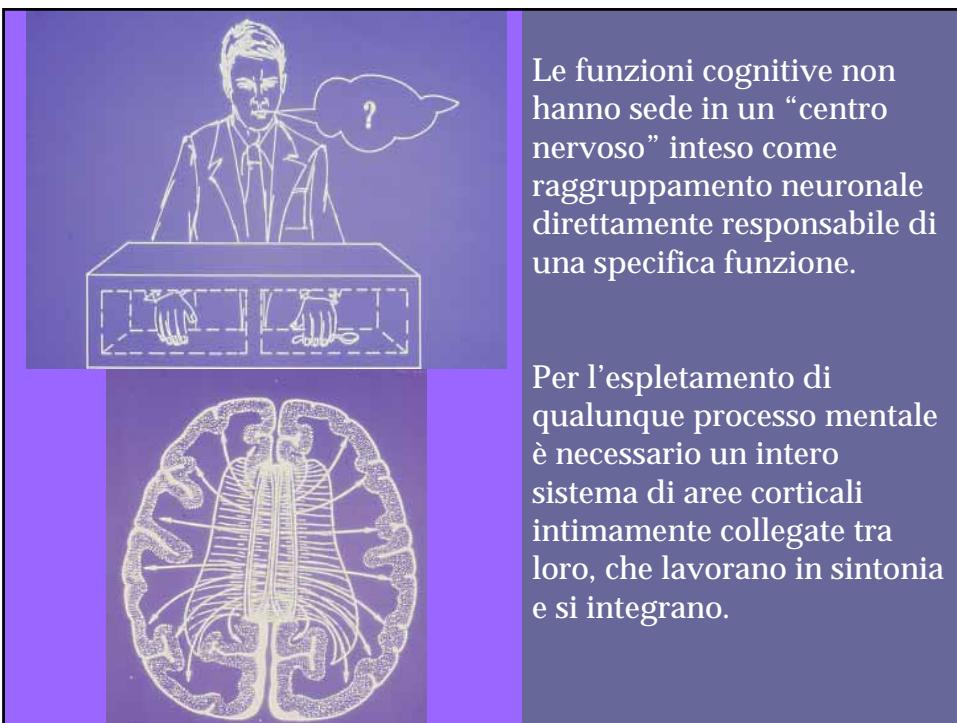
Valutazione neuropsicologica

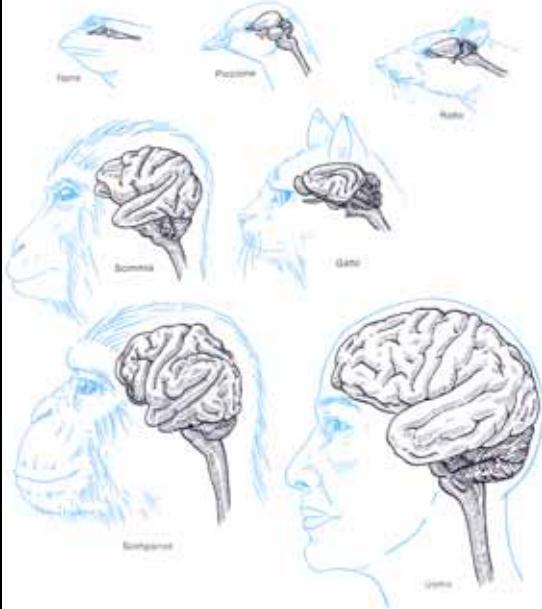
interpretare il comportamento
al fine di valutare
l'integrità anatomicofunzionale
delle corrispondenti
strutture nervose

analisi della modalità
e delle strategie
che il soggetto mette in atto
per ottenere quella
determinata prestazione







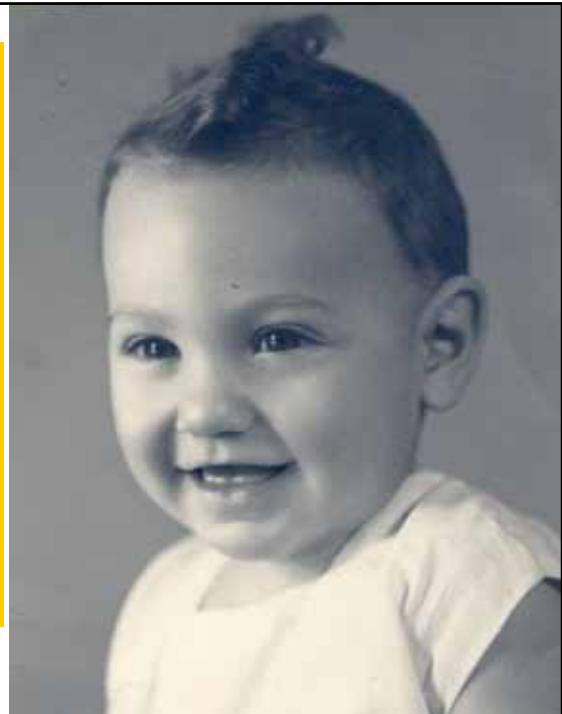


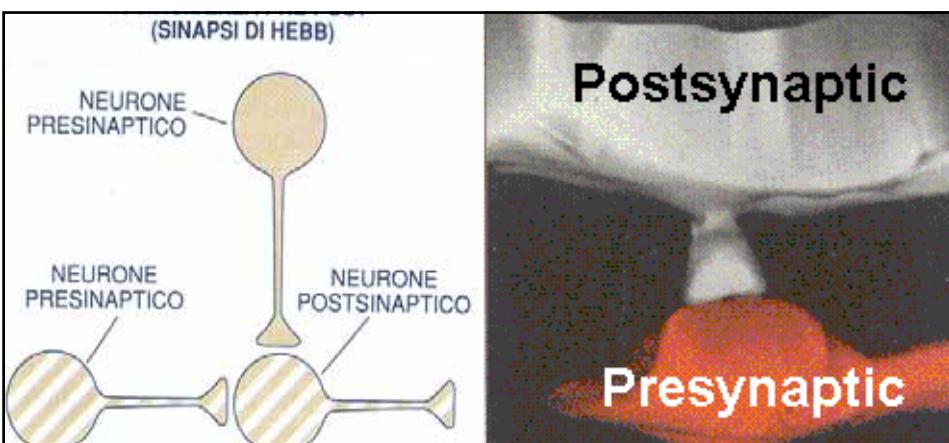
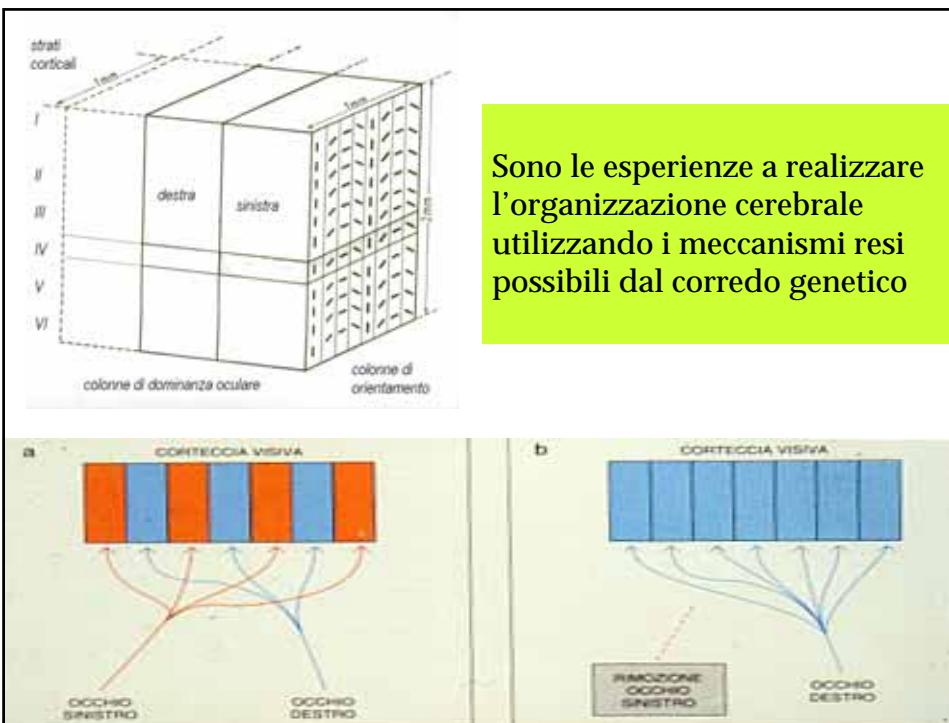
Tali dispositivi sono stati perfezionati dal processo evolutivo in quanto si sono dimostrati i più adeguati a risolvere i problemi posti dall'ambiente alla sopravvivenza dell'organismo

Alla nascita il sistema nervoso non è già pronto, è solo predisposto e, per formarsi, necessita della interazione con l'ambiente

il patrimonio ereditario definisce solo le condizioni di base del progetto

l'afflusso di informazioni provenienti dagli organi sensoriali e la continua interazione con l'ambiente determinano poi in che modo il cervello prenda forma





Plasticità cerebrale

* Neuroni che si attivano contemporaneamente formano una connessione privilegiata

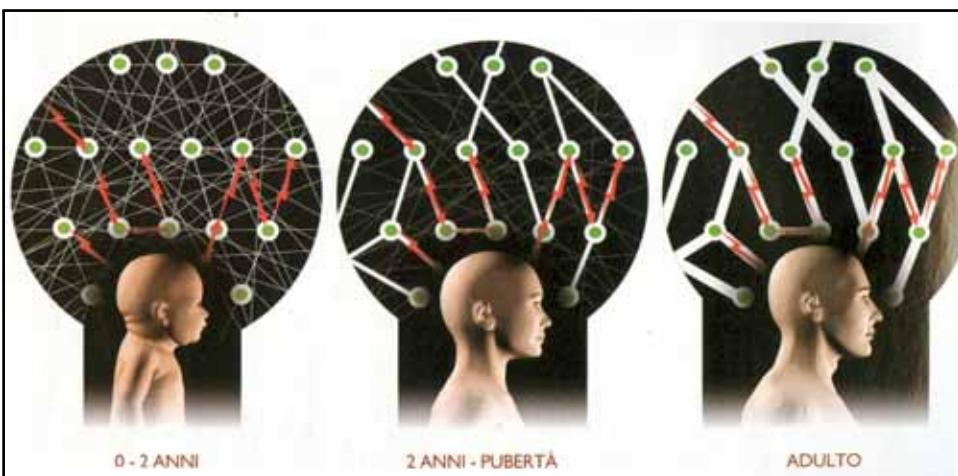
* Neuroni che non si attivano vicendevolmente perdono la loro connessione

le informazioni ambientali innescano una sorta di competizione attivando le connessioni sinaptiche più appropriate e disattivando le connessioni che non si sono rivelate utili



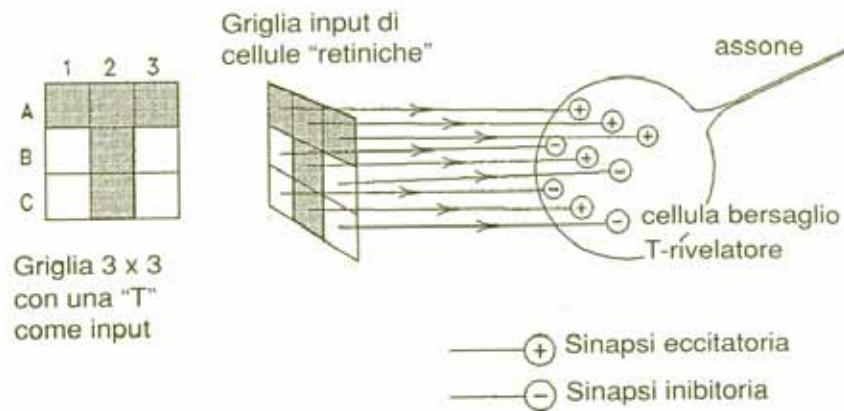
L'evoluzione culturale diviene prevalente rispetto all'evoluzione biologica

La mente è uno strumento per gestire la complessità

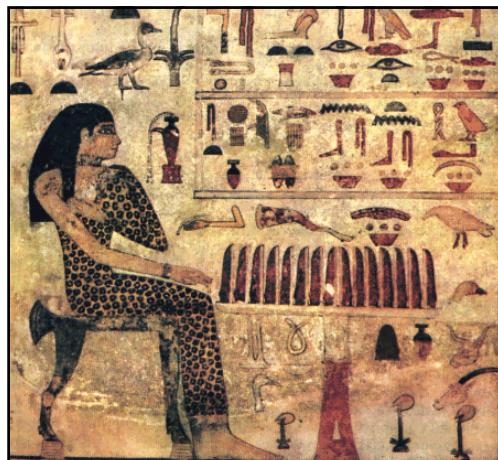


Il dono e la maledizione

Il risultato finale del processo che porta alla costruzione di un sistema nervoso sempre pronto ad adattarsi alle nuove esigenze dell'ambiente non è mai certo: sono sempre possibili soluzioni diverse da quella standard



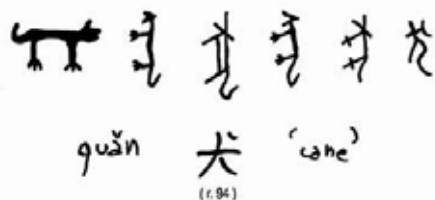
Un semplice sistema per riconoscere configurazioni.
La cellula si attiva in modo massimale quando – e solo quando – viene proiettata una T sulla griglia di cellule "retiniche"



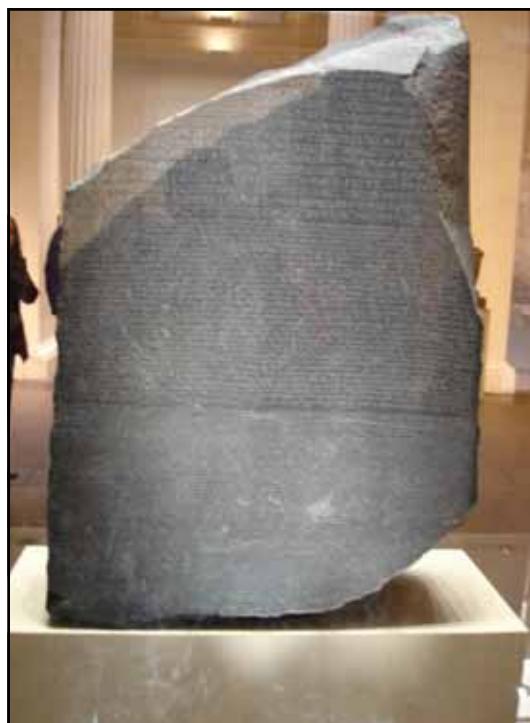
Le prime vaghe testimonianze di un essere dotato di facoltà mentali risalgono a 2.5 milioni di anni

I primi esempi di un uso convenzionale di simboli scritti compaiono su tavolette d'argilla risalenti al 3500 aC

Dapprima una serie di figure vennero adottate per rappresentare il concetto da comunicare

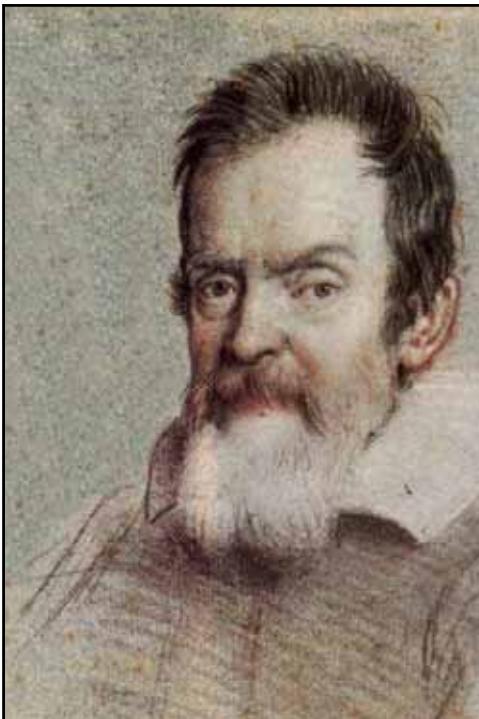


Poi progressivamente le figure furono utilizzate non più per indicare le «cose», ma i loro «nomi» e i suoni relativi



Phoenician abjad		Greek alphabet		
Name	ca. 900 B.C.E.	800–600 Attic (400)	Name	
'alef	𐤀	Α	A	alpha
bêt	𐤁	Β	B	bêta
gimel	𐤂	Γ	G	gamma
dâlet	𐤄	Δ	D	delta
hê	𐤅	Ε	E	e psilon
wâw	𐤆	Ϝ	F	(digamma)
zajin	𐤇	Ϛ	I	zêta
bêt	𐤈	Ϛ	H	êta
têt	𐤉	Ϛ	Theta	theta
yôd	𐤊	Ϛ	I	iôta
kaf	߂	Ϛ	K	kappa
lamed	߃	Ϛ	L	lambda
mêm	߄	Ϛ	M	mu
nûn	߅	Ϛ	N	nu
sâmek	߆	Ϛ	S	ksi
'ayin	߇	Ϛ	O	o mikron
pê	߈	Ϛ	P	pi
sâde	߉	Ϛ	(san)	
qôf	ߊ	Ϛ	(qoppa)	
rêš	ߋ	Ϛ	R	rhô
sin/sin	ߌ	Ϛ	Sigma	
tâw	ߍ	Ϛ	Tau	
		Ϛ	U	u psilon
		Ϛ	Phi	
		Ϛ	Chi	
		Ϛ	Psi	
		Ϛ	Omega	ō mega





*Ma sopra tutte le invenzioni
stupende, qual eminenza di mente
fu quella di colui che si immaginò
di trovare modo di comunicare
i suoi più reconditi pensieri a
qualsivoglia altra persona,
benché distante per lunghissimo
intervallo?*

*Parlare a quelli che sono nelle
Indie, parlare a quelli che non sono
ancora nati né saranno da qui a
mille a diecimila anni?*

E con qual facilità?

*Con i vari accozzamenti di venti
caratteruzzi sopra una carta!*

Galileo Galilei



**Nu pianefforte 'e notte
sona luntanamente,
e 'a museca se sente
pe ll'aria suspirà.**

[...]

**Ma sulitario e lento
more 'o mutivo antico;
se fa cchiù cupo 'o vico
dint'a ll'oscurità.**

[...].



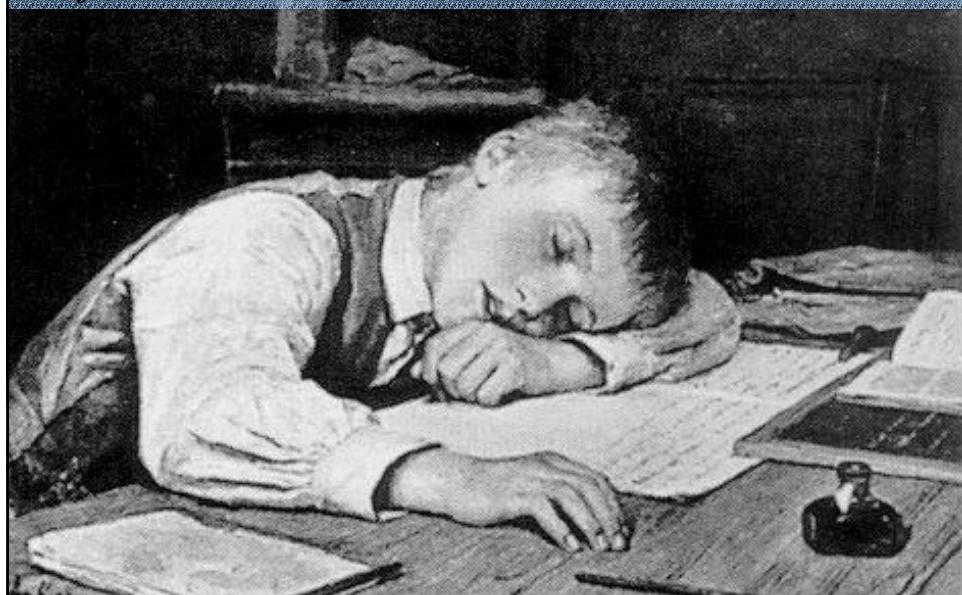
Consapevolezza fonologica

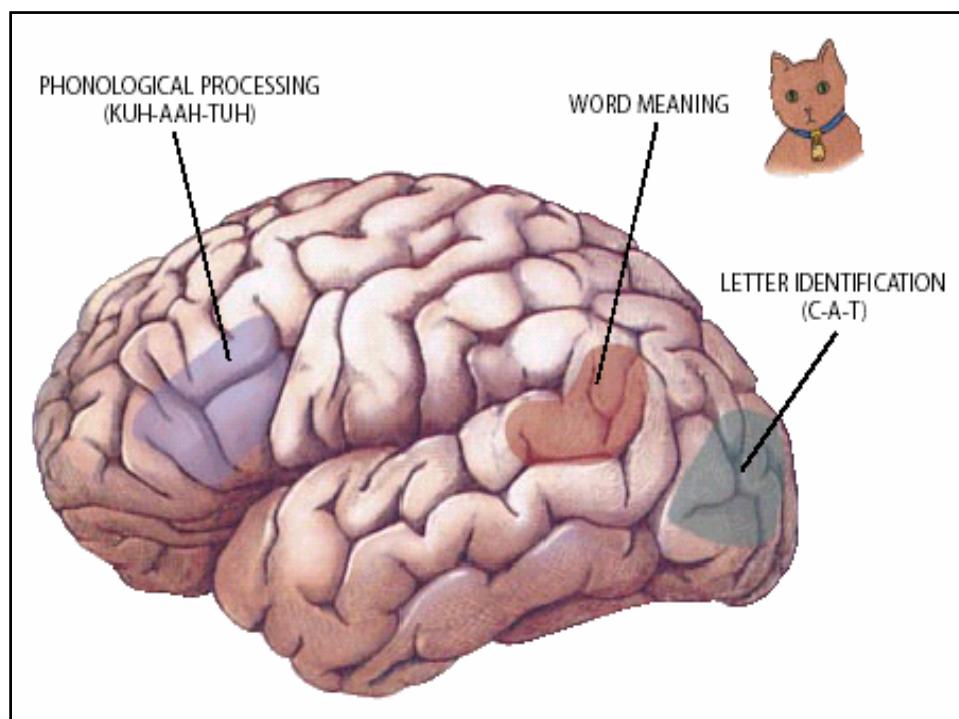
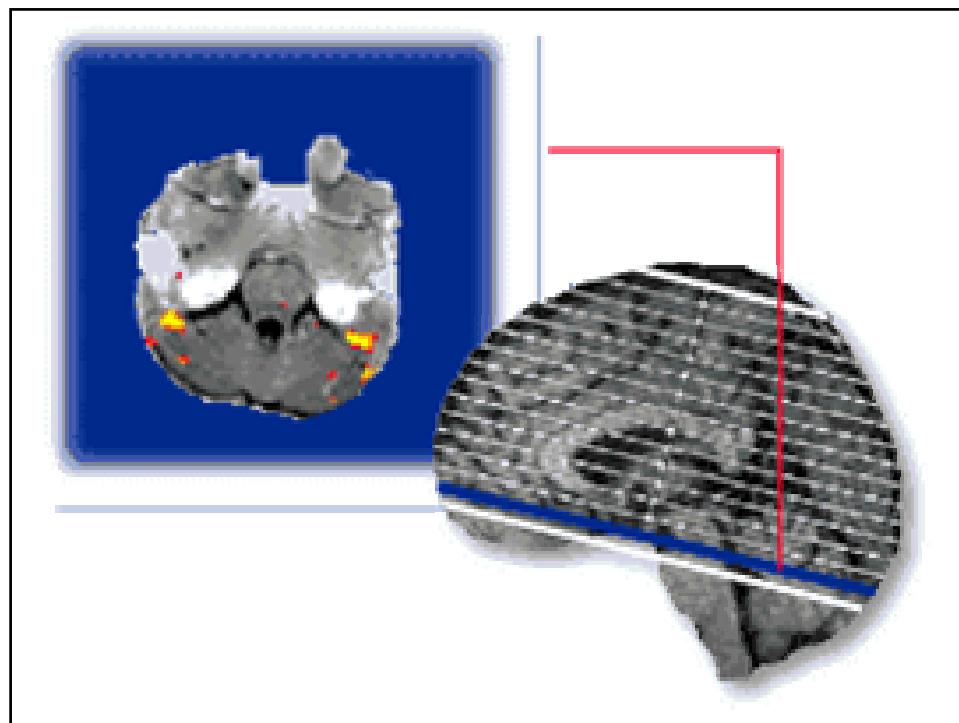
Capacità di elaborazione e manipolazione dei suoni linguistici

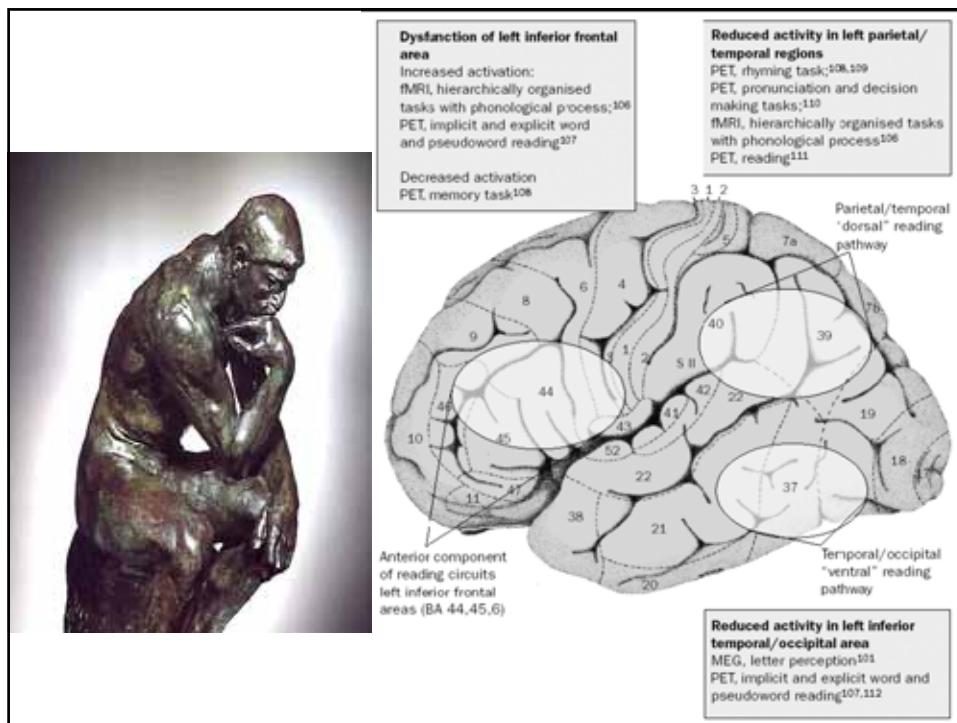
(prove di fusione,
segmentazione,
elisione,
....)

Pringle Morton (1896) "He would be the smartest lad in the school if instruction were entirely oral"

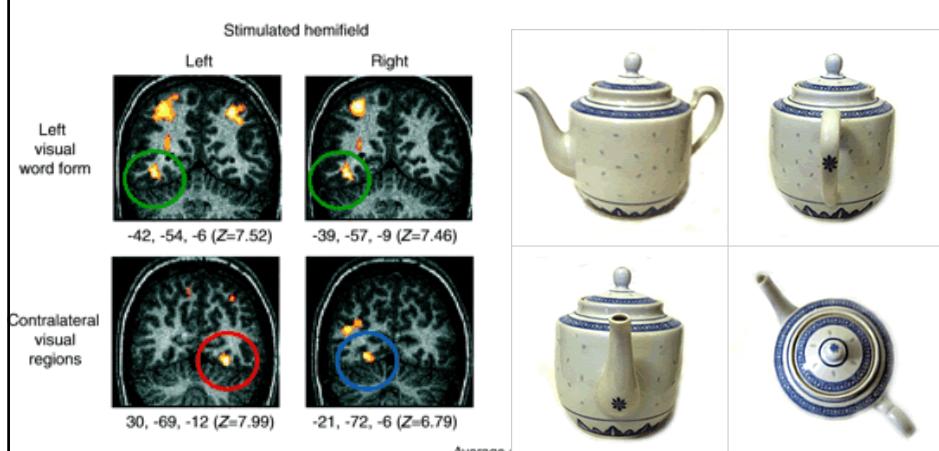
Percy F. "A Case of Congenital Word Blindness" British Medical Journal



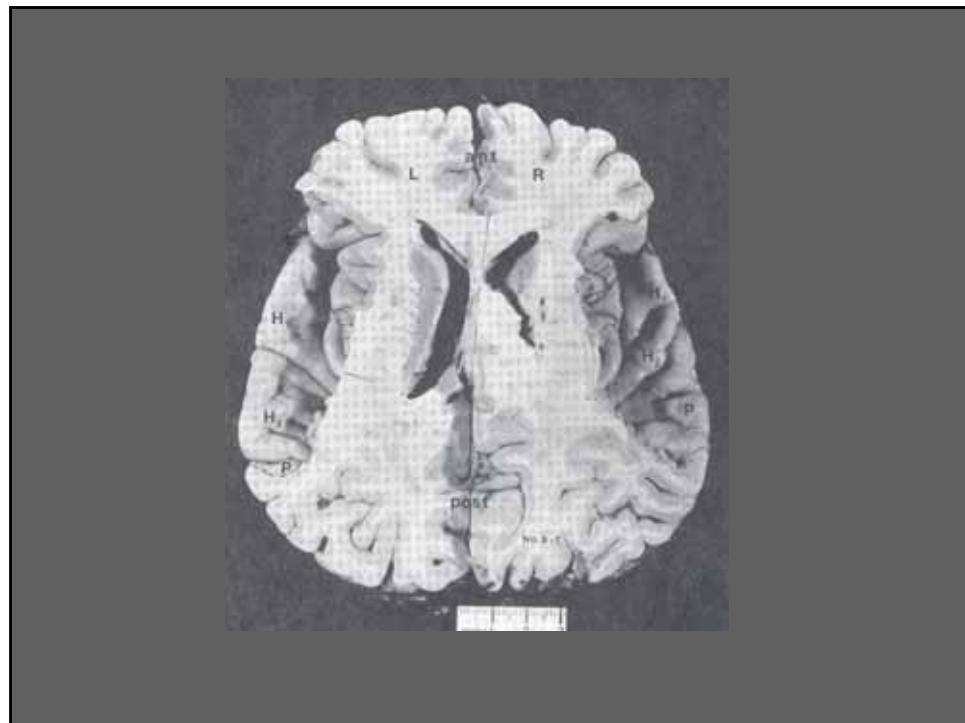
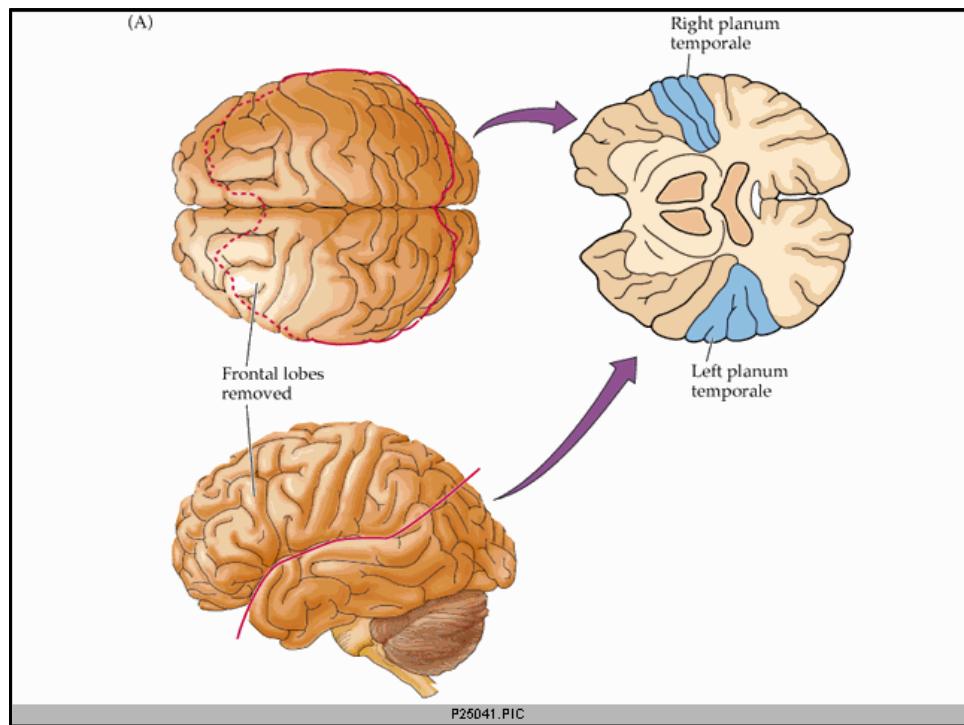




Visual Word Form Area (VWFA)



T T t T t t T



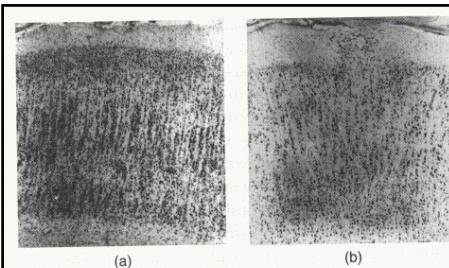
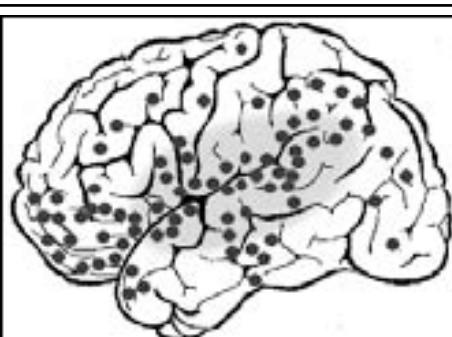


Figure 16.27
Photomicrographs of the left planum temporale (a portion of Wernicke's area). (a) A control subject. (b) A person with developmental dyslexia. Nissl stain.
(Photographs courtesy of A. Galaburda.)



Norman Geschwind

Albert Galaburda

- non preferenza manuale destra
- disturbi di apprendimento
- malattie autoimmuni

“During fetal development,
there is superior development
of the RIGHT hemisphere”

Samuel Orton (1925)

“esiste una relazione tra il mancinismo e alcune caratteristiche della lettura e della scrittura dei dislessici, quali

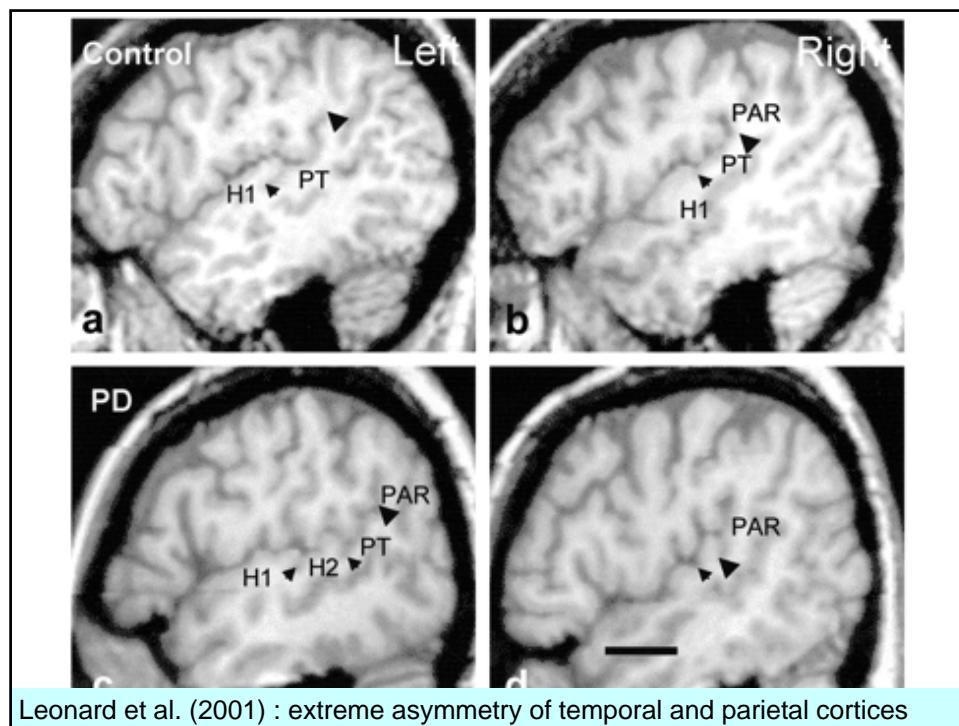
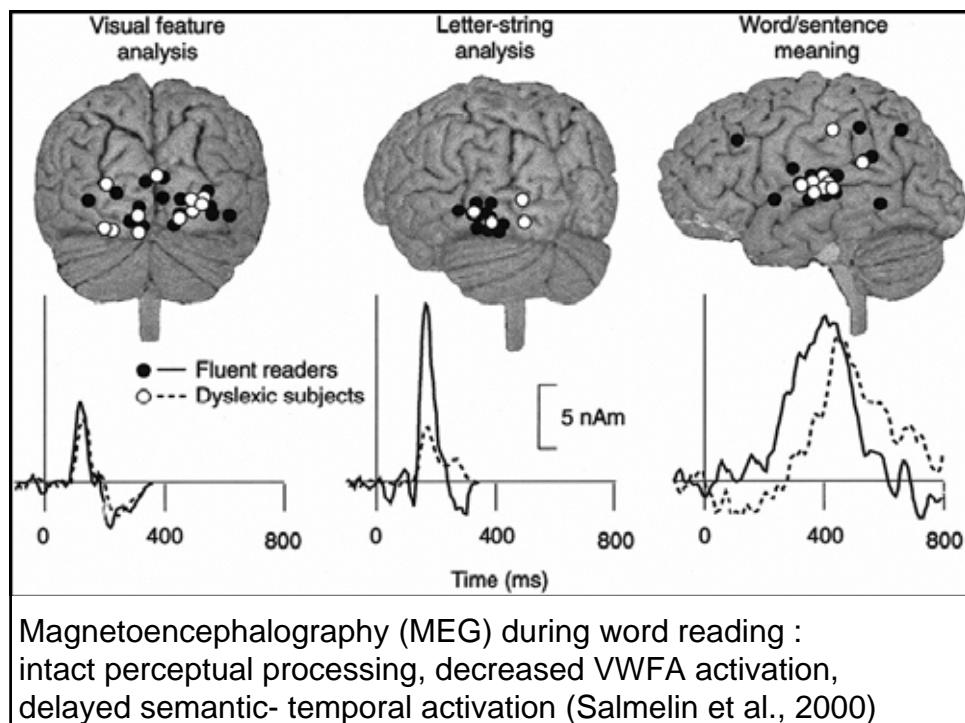
- inversione di lettere graficamente simmetriche
- inversione di lettere all'interno della parola
- scrittura e lettura speculare”

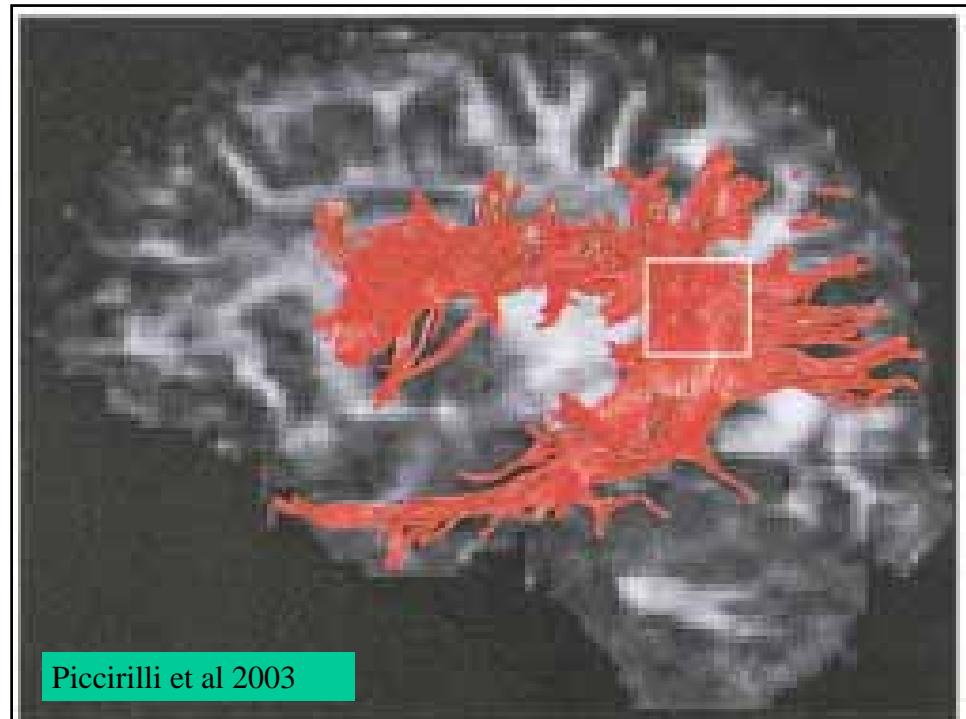
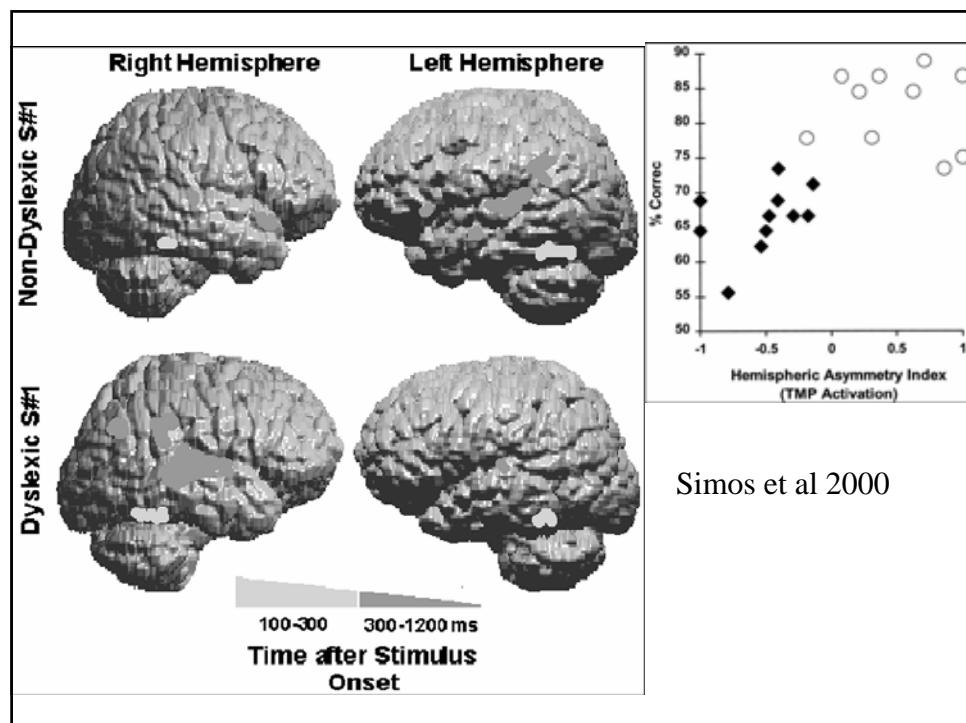
Anna Gillingham (1936)

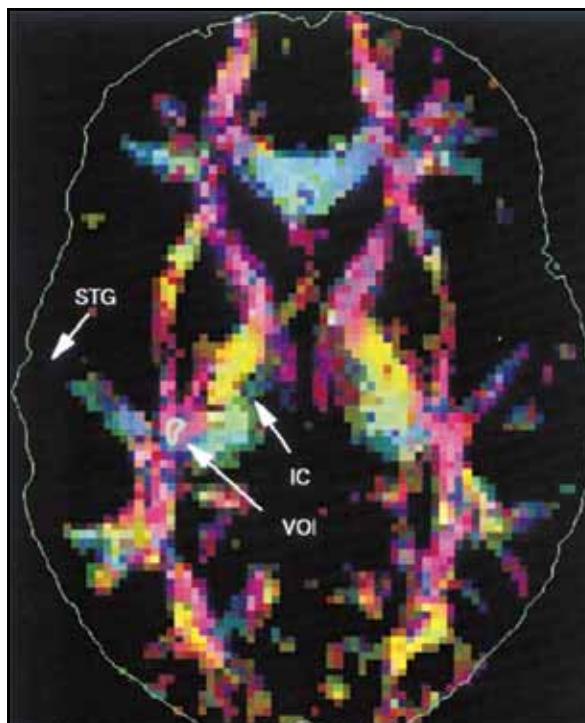
“Remedial training for children with specific disabilities in reading, spelling and penmanship”

Mc Donald Critchley (1970)

“Non sono molti i dislessici che sembrano possedere una dominanza netta”







Microstructure of Temporo-Parietal White Matter as a Basis for Reading Ability:

**Evidence from
Diffusion Tensor
Magnetic Resonance
Imaging**

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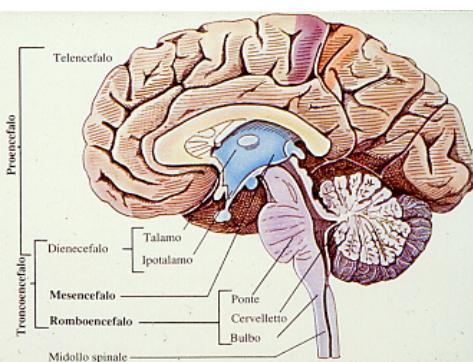
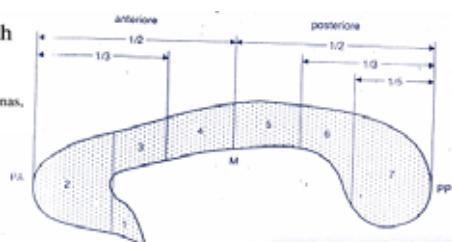
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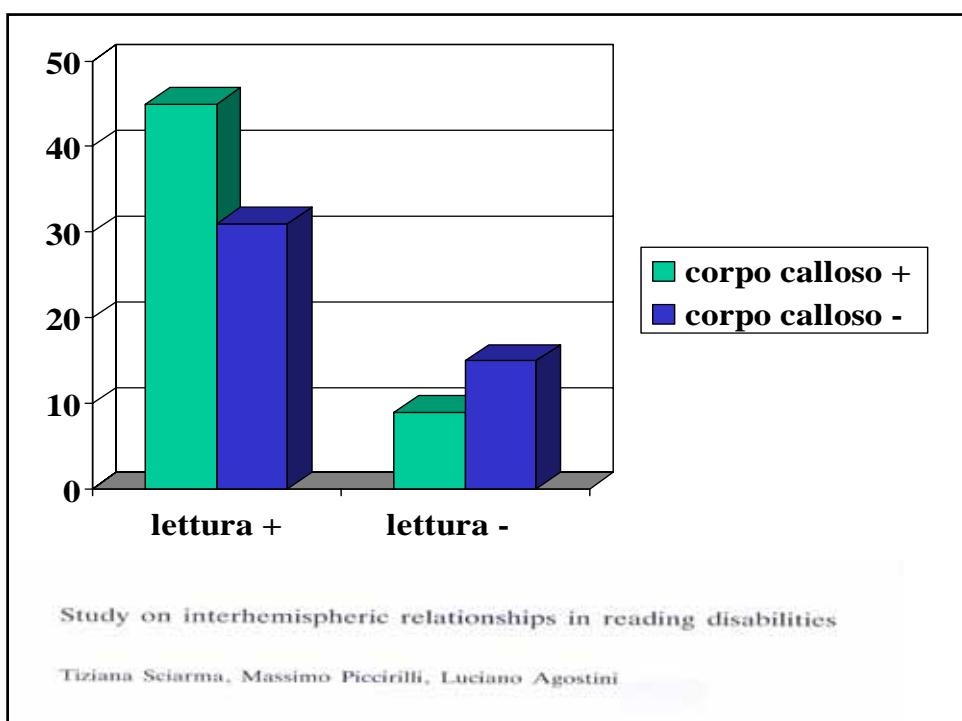
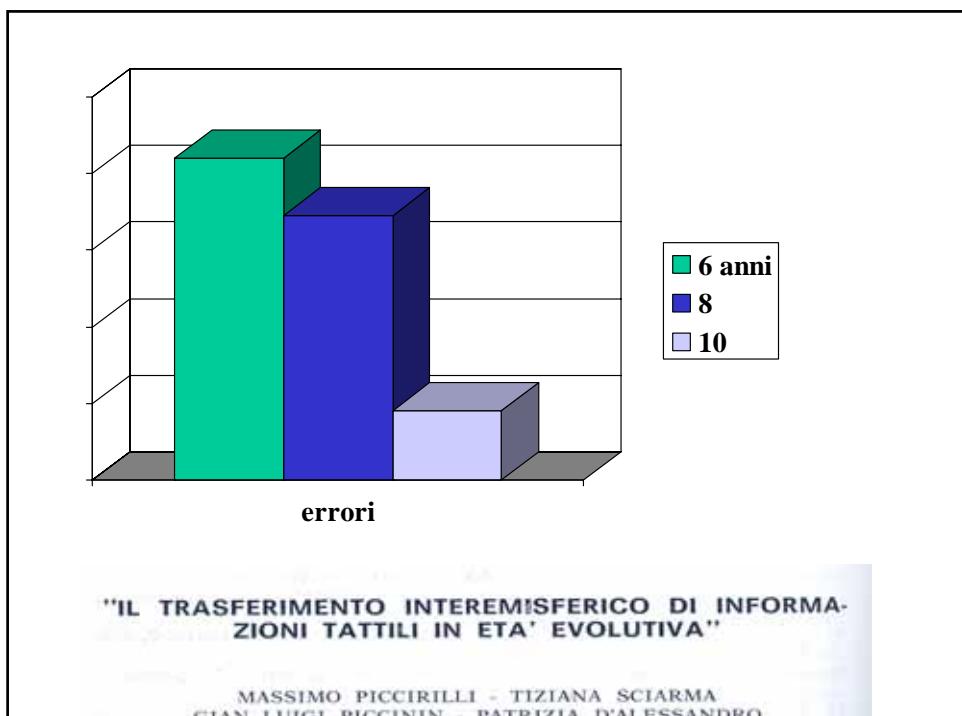
Corpus Callosum Morphology, as Measured with MRI, in Dyslexic Men

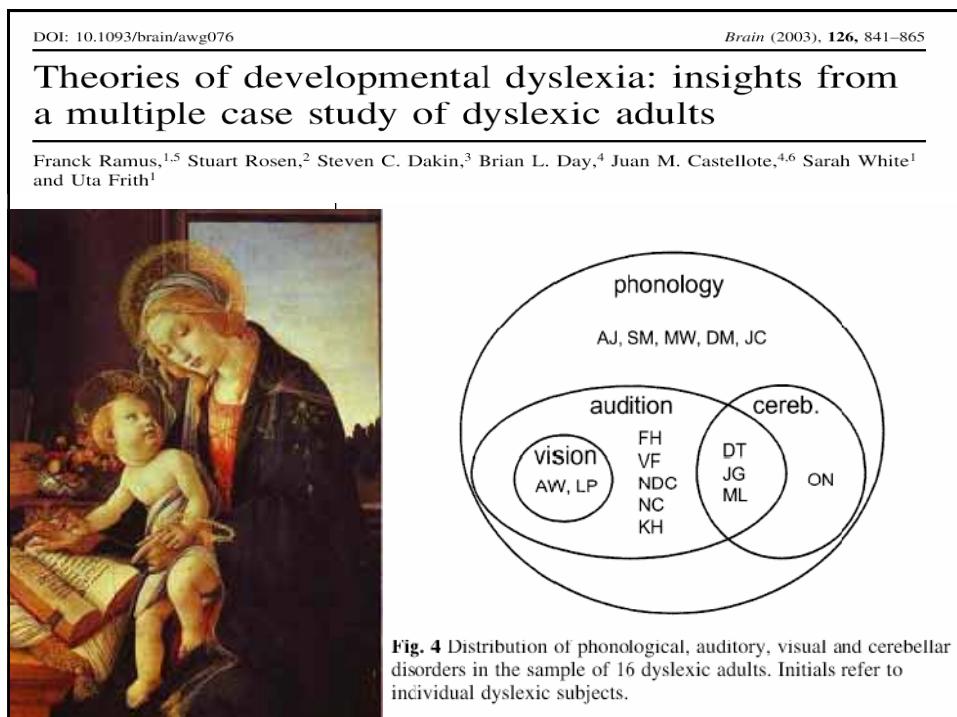
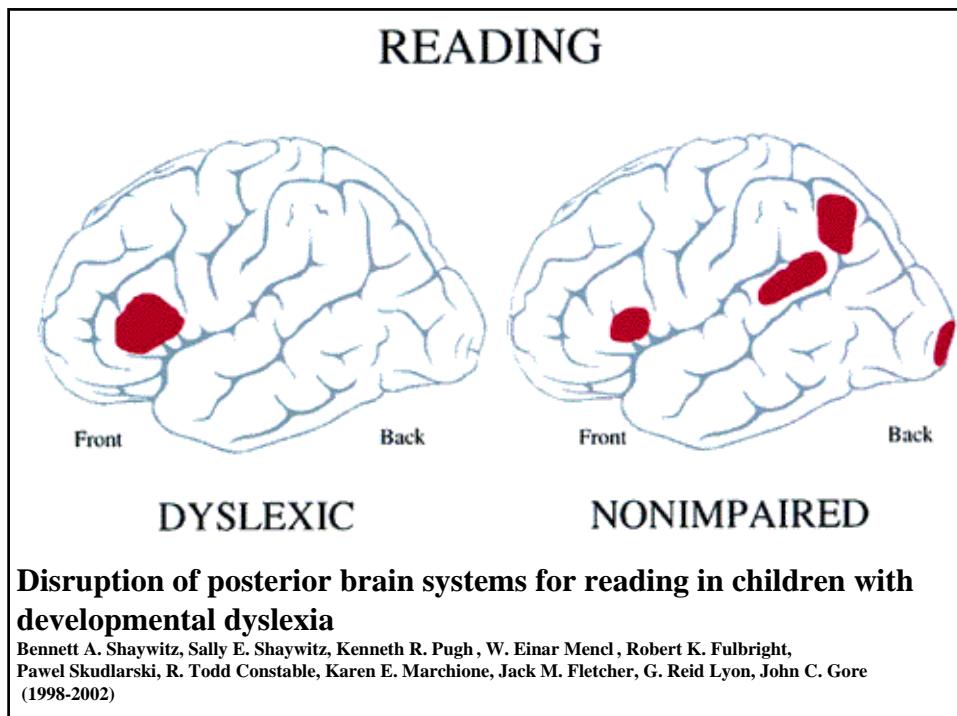
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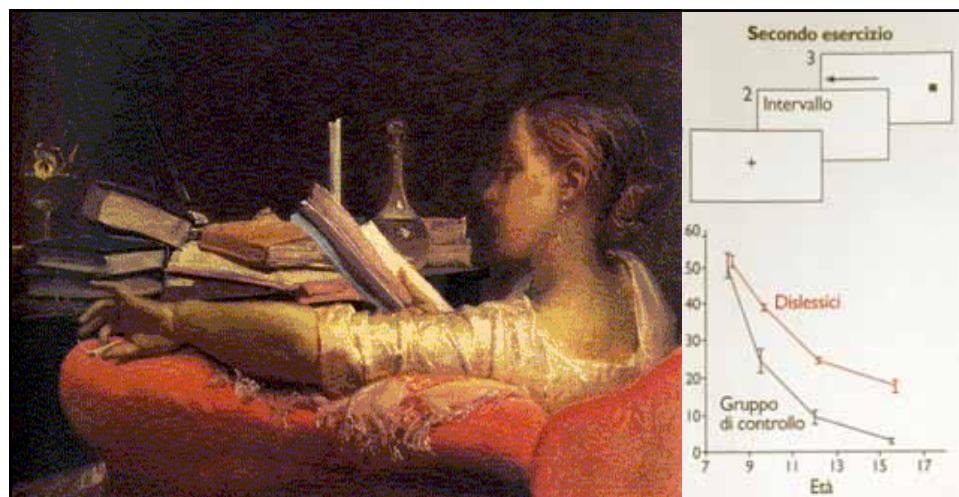
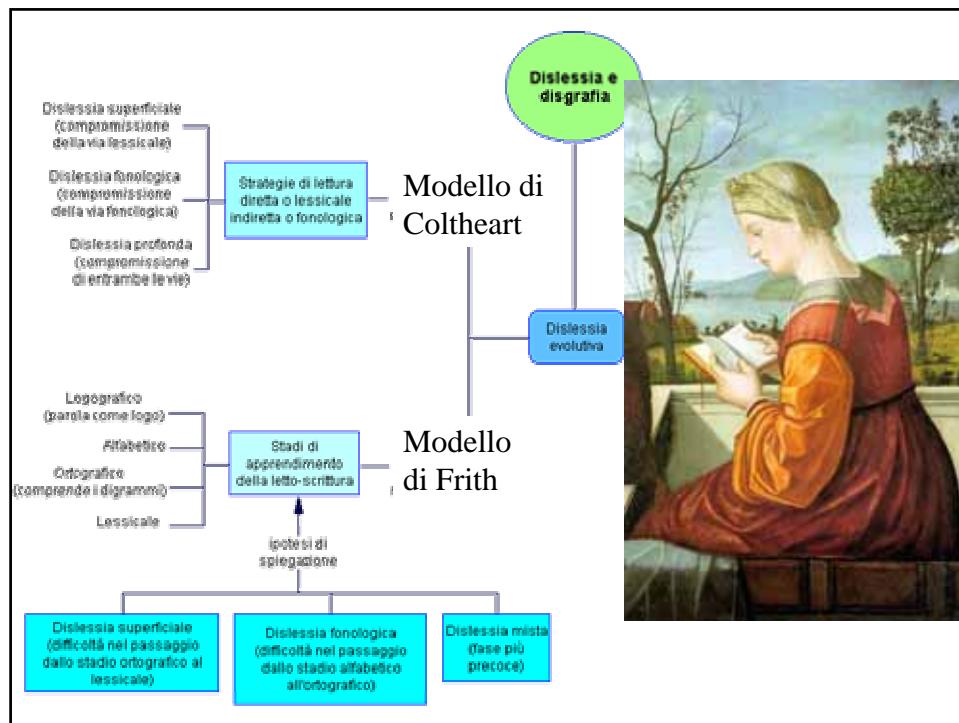
Regione N.	Denominazione anatomica	Regioni corticali di origine e destinazione
1	Ileotio	Regione prefrontale caudo-orbitale e premotoria inferiore
2	Cinocchio	Regione prefrontale
3	Parte rostrale del corpo	Regione premotorie e supplementari motrici
4	Parte anteriore della regione mediale del corpo	Regioni motorie
5	Parte posteriore della regione mediale del corpo	Regioni somatosensibili e parietali posteriori
6	Ierico	Regioni temporali superiori e parietali posteriori
7	Spleno	Regioni occipitali ed infero-parietali

adattata da Wada (1989)



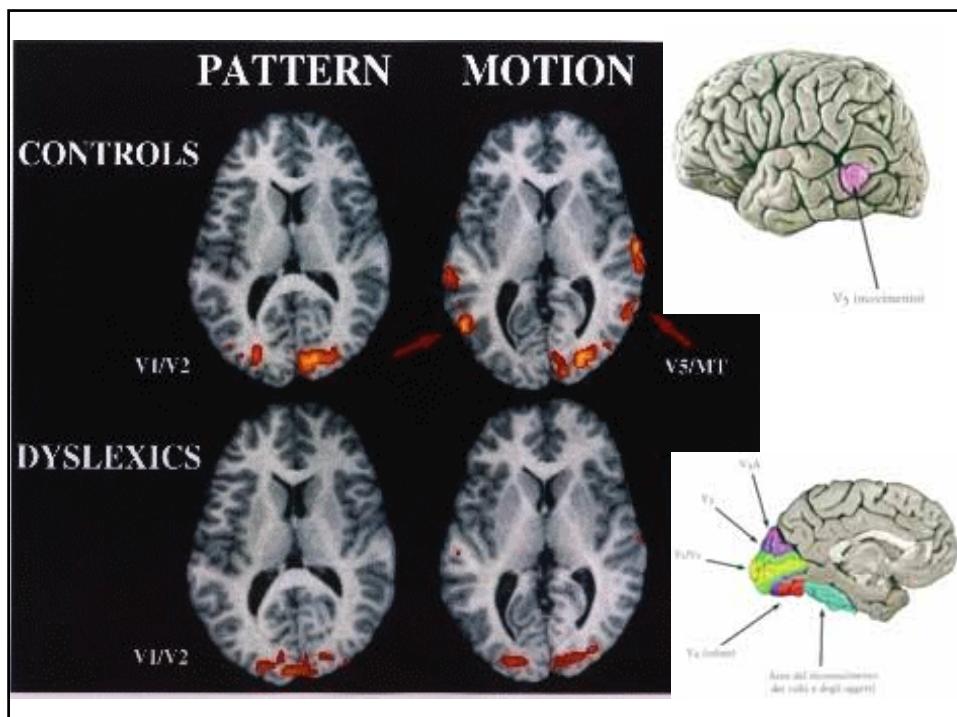
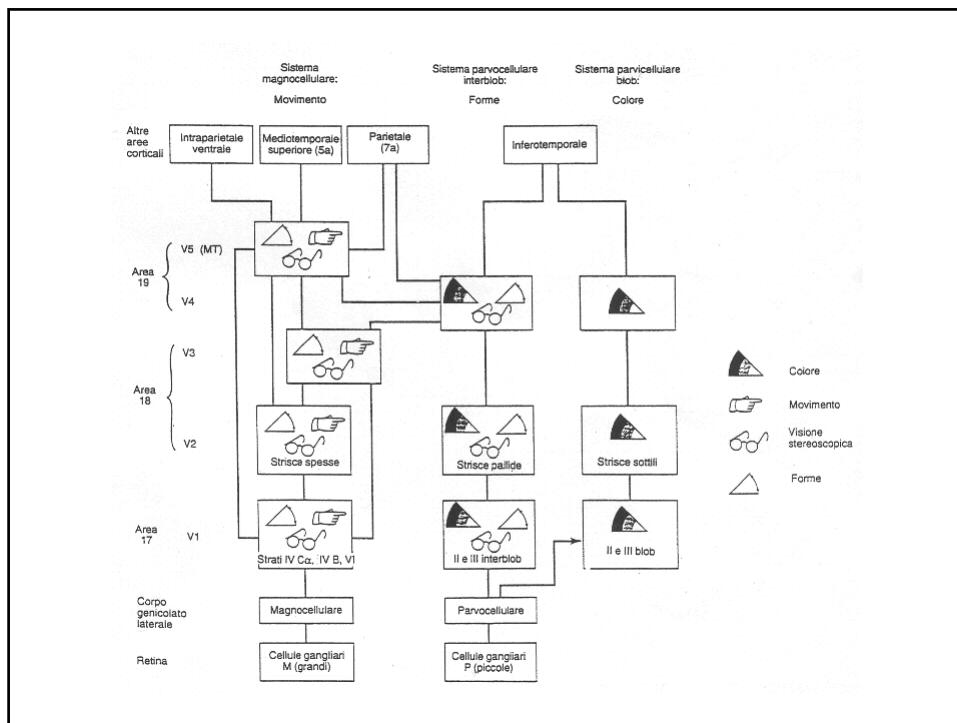






Ipotesi visuoperettiva e visuomotoria

La **mente** tende a **comple**tare ciò che **vedo** no gli occhi, così **a volte** si **inganna**



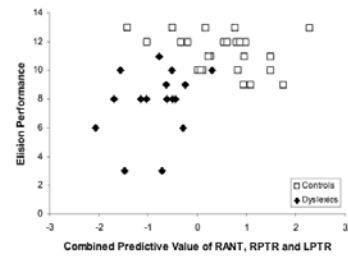
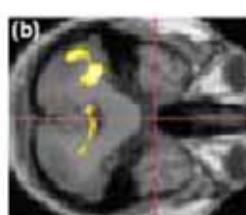
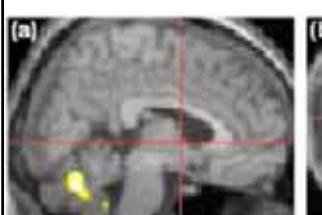
Developmental dyslexia: the cerebellar deficit hypothesis

Roderick I. Nicolson, Angela J. Fawcett and Paul Dean

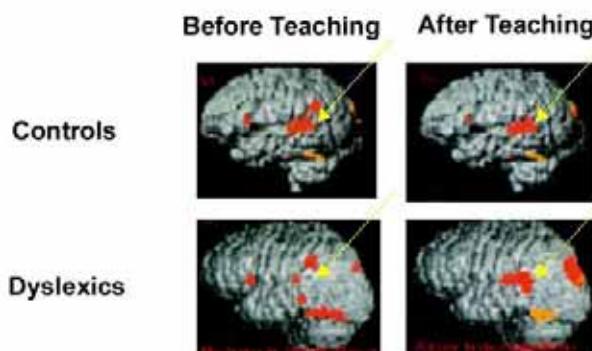
Surprisingly, the problems faced by many dyslexic children are by no means confined to reading and spelling.

There appears to be a general impairment in the ability to perform skills automatically, an ability thought to be dependent upon the cerebellum.

... dyslexia is indeed associated with cerebellar impairment in about 80% of cases.



Teaching Corrects Dyslexia Pattern By MRI



80 hrs (1-2 hrs / day) one-on-one instruction
Phonological Processing & Decoding
Multisensory & Visual Imagery Instruction

Simos, U Texas

Dyslexia-specific brain activation profile becomes **normal** following successful remedial training

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Plastic neural changes and reading improvement caused by audiovisual training in reading-impaired children

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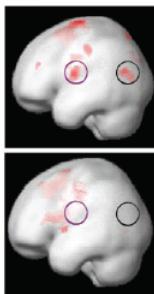
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Development of left occipitotemporal systems for skilled reading in children after a phonologically-based intervention

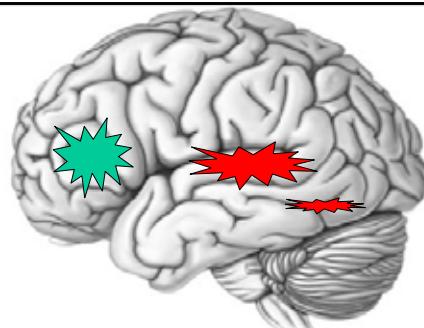
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A Children with no remediation

Normal reading children while rhyming



Dyslexic reading children while rhyming before remediation



B Dyslexic children increases after remediation

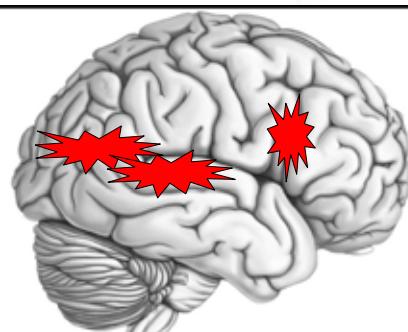
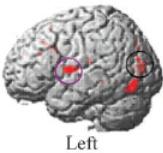
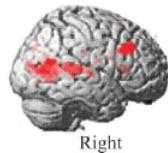
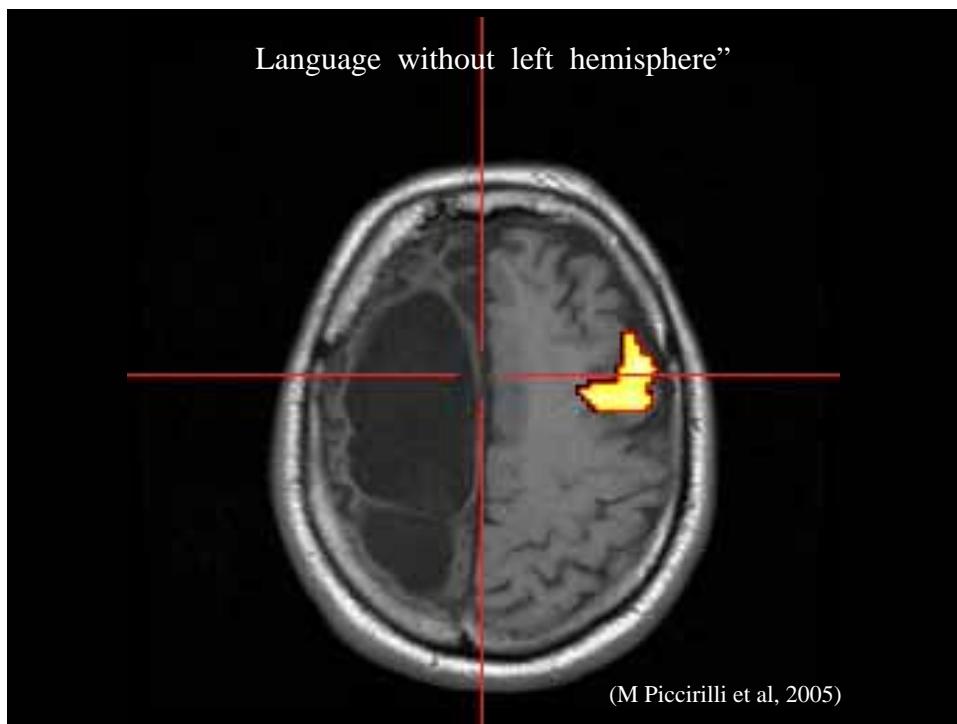
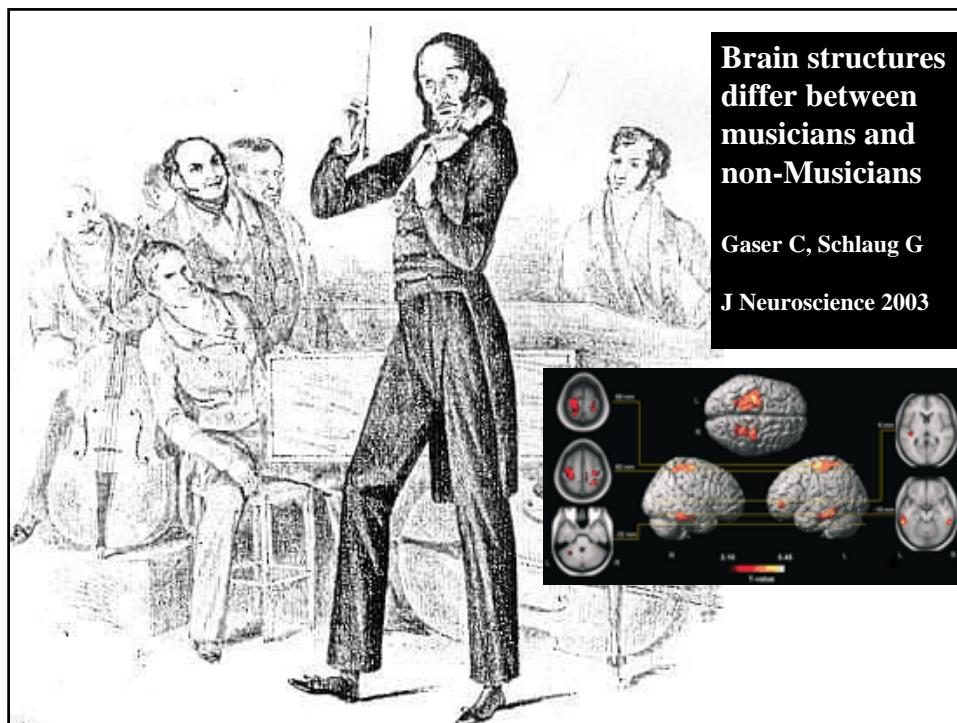
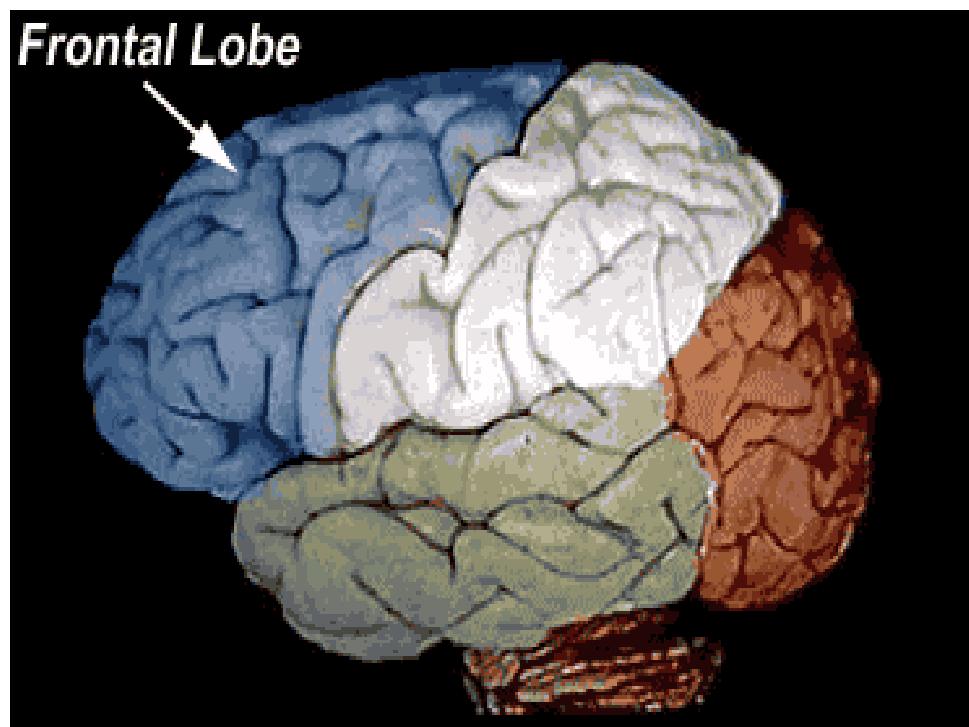
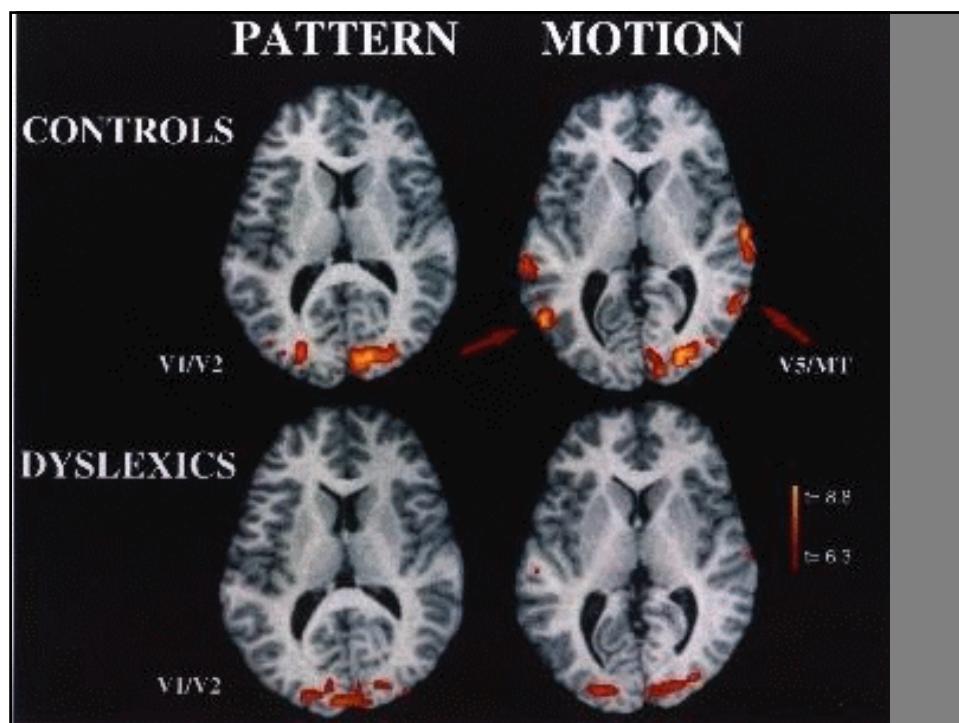
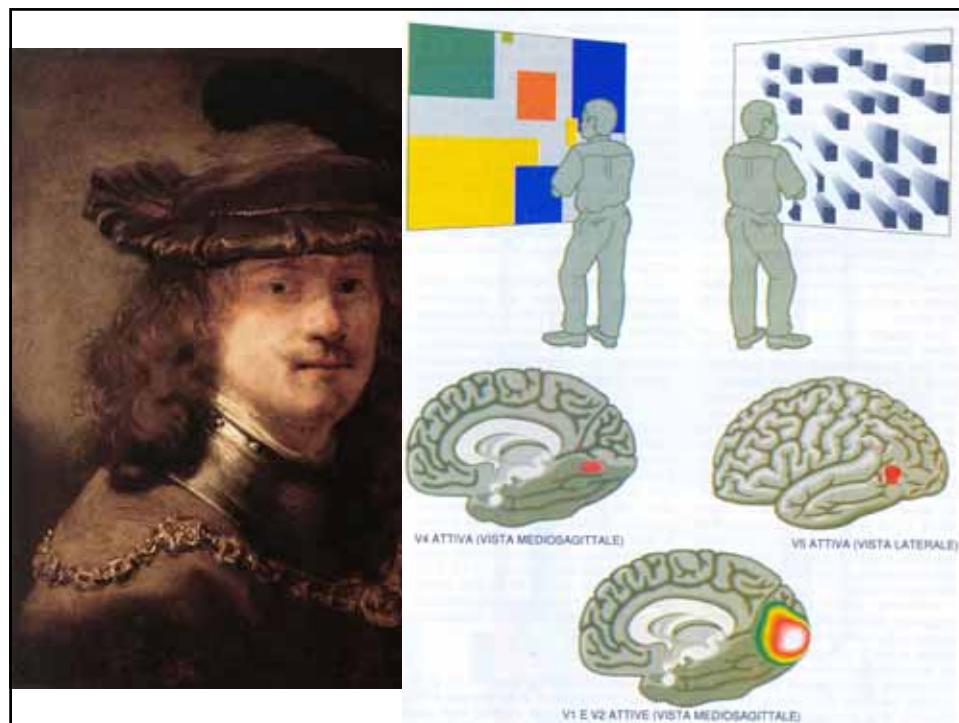
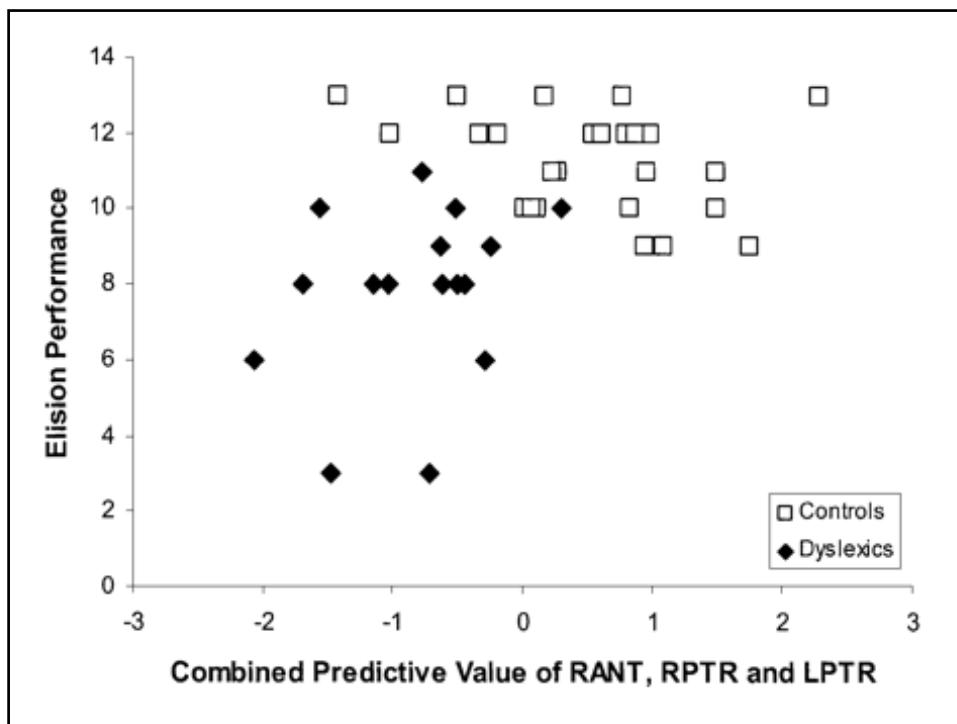
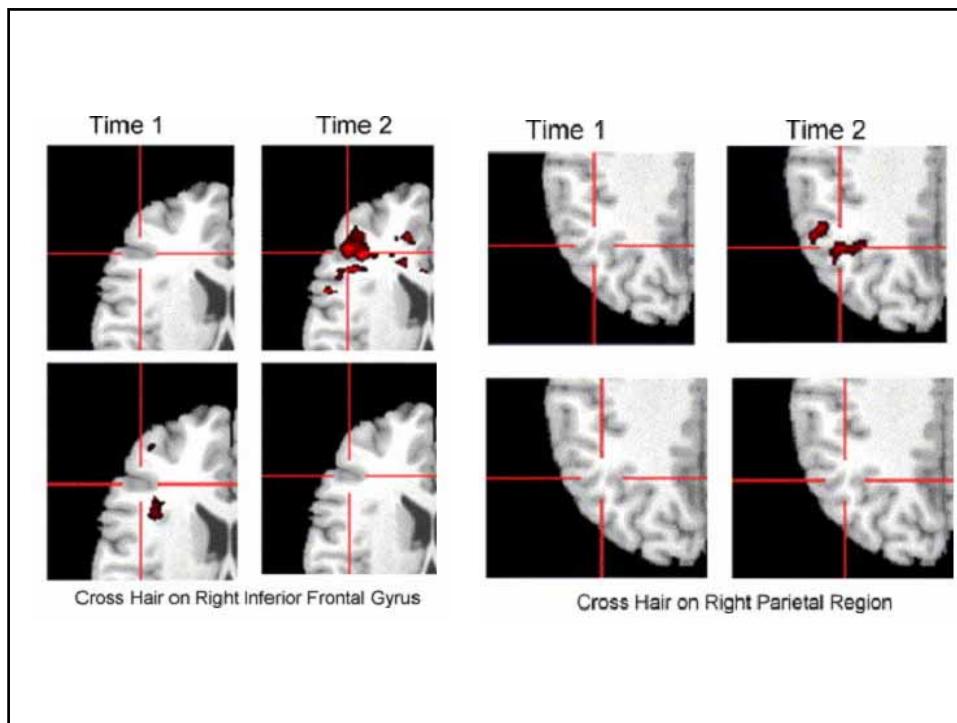


Fig. 1. Neural effects of remediation in children with developmental dyslexia. (A) Left hemisphere activations of control children and children with dyslexia are shown during rhyming (as compared with matching) letters ($P < 0.025$, 20-voxel threshold; ref. 12). (B) Brain areas that showed increased activity during phonological processing in the dyslexic group after remediation. Shown at $P < 0.01$, 20-voxel threshold. Black circles highlight left temporo-parietal region, which is disrupted in children with dyslexia and affected by remediation. Purple circles highlight the left frontal region that is active in control children and is affected by remediation in children with dyslexia.









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