

Name	Jane
Age	21-30
Degree	Archaeology, Single Subject
Year	2
Full-Time/Part-Time	Full Time
Disability	Dyslexia
Diagnosis	Over 5 years ago

I could not actually read properly until I was about 8 years old. I bluffed my way through school and then we had a session where they said I might actually not be thick, and I was diagnosed as dyslexic. Then they taught me how to read. My mum was dyslexic as well; she was expelled from school for being stupid when she was younger.

Day-to-day I have problems organisational wise. I do not think in the same time span as other people, or look at things the same way sometimes. Unless I have to entirely go through my telephone bill, it does not cause me huge problems. It's more time-scale I have trouble with. If someone arranges to meet me at 5.30, I cannot think that means I have to leave at 5.00 to get there. I end up leaving at 5.30.

I really enjoy doing fieldwork; we have only done practical training sessions so far. If I had to go straight out into the field I would have problems. This helps me get it into my head, I do not have to go back and ask questions all the time. I have difficulties with anything involving numbers. We were doing things with ranging poles and I would say: 'Yes, that's the number', and it was nothing like it. Drawing up the plans is not a problem, I enjoy doing that; but adding up the numbers, I have problems doing that. I enjoy doing the planning, apart from the measurements. Because it can take me a little longer to do things, that can be quite frustrating. Everybody else gets on with it and I am still standing there. I understand what I am meant to be doing, but not really. I feel stupid, but I know that I am not stupid, and other people also know that I am not stupid. I do find it quite intimidating when everyone rushes off doing things. It might only be one little thing that has not clicked with me. I do not always feel comfortable. In the exams I get extra time which is a great help, but I do not get extra time for anything else. Sometimes I understand things better overall because I have to look at things harder. To understand something I have to visualise it. Although, I think that spatially I am more aware of everything around me.

I would like to follow a career in archaeology, but I do not see much hope in getting a job in it nowadays. I sometimes regret that I swapped

doing art for archaeology, but I really enjoy doing the archaeology and am trying to think of ways I can combine it with art.