



21 Facts About Down Syndrome

- 1. You have 46 chromosomes, people with DS have 47**
 - 2. Chromosomes determine how we all look and grow**
 - 3. There are 3 types of Down syndrome**
 - 4. Trisomy 21 is when there are 3 copies of the 21st chromosome**
 - 5. Translocation Down syndrome is when a 3rd copy of the 21st chromosome attaches to another**
 - 6. Mosaic Down syndrome is when only some of the cells in a body have 3 copies of the 21st chromosome**
 - 7. Down syndrome is NOT contagious; you cannot catch it**
 - 8. People with Down syndrome have feelings, just like you and me**
 - 9. People with Down syndrome can fall in love and get married**
 - 10. Sometimes it takes a longer time for people with Down syndrome to learn new skills**
 - 11. People with Down syndrome want to be treated like everyone else**
 - 12. People with Down syndrome are unique with their own thoughts and talents**
 - 13. Sometimes having Down syndrome makes it more difficult to move and talk**
 - 14. Sometimes people with Down syndrome have hearing impairments, and may use a device to help them hear. They also might know American Sign Language**
 - 15. Sometimes an iPad is used to help with communication**
 - 16. People with Down syndrome can play sports, cheer, sing and dance**
 - 17. People with Down syndrome can grow up to live on their own and have jobs**
 - 18. Several people with Down syndrome own their own companies**
 - 19. People with Down syndrome want to be accepted**
 - 20. People with Down syndrome are loyal friends**
 - 21. People with Down syndrome can pretty much do everything we can do**
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