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Some curiosities about

DOWN SYNDROME



1 An extra chromosome!

People with DS have 47 chromosomes instead of 46.

6 They have some difficulties

Sometimes it is more difficult for them to do some tasks. Ask them if they need your help.

2 It is not a disease

It is a characteristic of the person that accompanies them all their lives.

7 Different muscles

They need a little more time and some adaptation to write or practice some sports.

3 They are super flexible

When they are small, they have more flexibility in their arms and legs.

8 They need our support

They need more support and help from family, teachers and friends.

4 They are very sociable!

Ask them if they want to play with you in the yard and in the park.

9 Talk to them calmly

When you talk to them, approach them and give them time to respond.

5 They have a hard time expressing themselves

They have speech difficulties, so it is hard for them to express themselves, but they understand you.

Some numbers

- 7 babies are born with DS for every 10,000 births.
- Life expectancy has been increasing in recent years thanks to science.
- It affects girls and boys equally.
- In the US there are 25,000 people with DS.
- Worldwide there are more than 8 million people.
- Between 30 and 40% of people with intellectual disabilities have DS.

10 Support them

They need more time and practice to understand something new. Be patient. I'm sure they'll get it.