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TikTok-Induced Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a **disorder** that causes young children around the ages of five to ten to start acting in strange ways. They may start making some sudden movements or repeating the same sounds over and over again. These sudden movements are called “tics,” and someone with TS cannot control them. TS is more common in boys than girls and has no **cure**. Usually, TS goes away once the child becomes an **adult**, but it sometimes becomes worse as they get older.

TS became very popular on the social media app TikTok. Some people with TS uploaded videos showing what their life with TS was like. In 2020, these videos ended up setting off a surprising **phenomenon** as a result. David Martino, a TS doctor in Alberta, Canada, noticed that he was getting many more new TS **patients**, **especially** girls. These girls often showed the same kinds of tics that someone with TS had a video about on TikTok. The doctor believes that these new patients could either try to look cool by copying something popular from social media or have a real other disorder going on that decided to show itself in this way.

Because of this, scientists have called this “ **functional tic-like behaviors.**” In any case, they **warn** that this does not make the disorder less real or serious.

📖 TikTok 抖音(短影音社群軟體) Tourette Syndrome 妥瑞症 tic (尤指因神經疾病導致的面部)抽搐 social media app 社群媒體應用程式 Alberta 亞伯達省

Vocabulary

induce 誘發 disorder 疾病; 失調 cure 治療方法 adult 成人 phenomenon 現象 patient 病人 especially 特別地 functional 功能性的 behavior 行為 warn 警告

Time to think

- () 1 . Which is true about Tourette Syndrome?
- (A) It usually starts when someone is already an adult.
 - (B) It is not possible for the symptoms(症狀) of TS to get any worse.
 - (C) The “tics” are the only symptom that people with TS show.
 - (D) People with TS cannot control it.
- () 2 . What happened in Alberta, Canada?
- (A) Many children with no TS before suddenly had it.
 - (B) Adults with TS started uploading videos on TikTok.
 - (C) Girls became more famous on social media than boys.
 - (D) People used TS to make lots of money on the Internet.
- () 3 . What is the best title for the reading?
- (A) *How to Cure Your Tourette Syndrome.*
 - (B) *How Tourette Syndrome Made TikTok Popular.*
 - (C) *Using Your Tourette Syndrome to Become Popular .*
 - (D) *A Surprising Phenomenon on TikTok.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HMJp00XwXM>

(抖音上的妥瑞症少女 Jess)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI19d-91IE&t=11s>

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