

Signs of Dyslexia

There is real hope in the battle against learning and reading problems regardless if you are three years old or eighty three years old. The earlier you diagnose and treat Dyslexia the sooner you can enjoy what many take for granted.

Dyslexics are misunderstood ~ they are however not lazy.

If your child shows three signs of Dyslexia be sure to have your child checked with a reading specialist that understands Dyslexia.

The Early Years

- Late talking
 - One year olds should have said their first word.
 - two year olds can say up to 200 words
 - two year olds can use simple two-word phrases
 - Three year olds have a vocabulary of 900 words and using full sentences.
 - four year olds should be able to talk quiet well
 - Take steps to improve the child's language before five years old.
- Chronic ear infections
- Consistent confusion of left versus right
- Difficulty learning to tie shoes
- Trouble memorizing their address, phone number or the alphabet
 - Difficulty consistently saying the alphabet in the correct order without singing or rapping.
- a close relative has been diagnosed with dyslexia
- difficulty with rhyming words

Elementary age

- messy handwriting – generally illegible
 - mixture of upper/lower cases
 - mixture of print and cursive
 - unfinished letters
 - writing is a struggle
- letter or number reversals past the first grade
 - may invert letters, reading or writing
 - n as u
 - m as w
 - d as q
 - p as b
 - f as t
 - may read or write words like
 - no for on
 - rat for tar
 - won for now
 - saw for was
 - 17 for 71
 - may be able to write backwards (mirror image)
- may omit letters in the wrong order
 - Simon as siomn
 - child as chidl
 - brain as Brian
- hard to remember the order of the days of the week
- difficulty with cursive
- slow, labored, inaccurate reading
 - guesses words
 - reading causes sleepiness quickly
 - skips simple words
 - and, if, to

- can't sound out words
- terrible speller
- may spell by wildly guessing
 - answer spelled as asnerws
 - relaxing spelled as rallekgink
- can't remember simple sight words
 - the, and, were, does, to , a
- misreads little words
 - a for and
 - the for a
 - from for for
 - then for there
 - were for with
- omits little words
 - like, the, and, but, in
- adds words that are not in the text
- can't remember homonyms
 - there, they're, there
- Guesses wildly at words whether they make sense of not.
- difficulty with telling time
 - especially on a clock with hands
- difficulty with math
 - Problem with numbers and calculations involving adding, subtracting and time tables.
 - confused by math signs
 - +, x, ;, -, ÷, =, <, >
 - adding versus find the total
 - difference versus subtract
 - transpose numbers
 - 892 for 289

- mental math is difficult
- sequencing difficulties
 - Not being able to remember the sequence of letters or numbers correctly.
 - expect as except
 - act as cat
 - are there as there are
 - child as chidl
 - cat for cart
 - sing for string
- directionally challenged
- Has a difficult time with coming up with the correct words to say to describe something or to say something.
 - uses made up words like “that thingy”
- messy bedroom, locker, desk, backpack
- does not enjoy going to school
- avoids books or makes up stories about what they are actually reading (so not to disappoint anyone or to get caught they can't read yet)
- reads slowly and hesitantly
- rereads the same paragraph without retaining any information (spending all their effort decoding the letters and words and are not able to comprehend what they have read)
- difficult copying from the board at school
- difficult attaching names to things and people

Young adult

- Difficulty with handling the volume of reading required.
 - Spends hours studying in comparison with peers.
- poor writing skills
- omits prefixes, suffixes or adds suffixes
- difficult pronouncing and sounding out words
- Difficulty with learning a foreign language using the traditional method.
- struggling to get good grades
 - Works harder than most to get the grades they get.
 - gets lost easily



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