

Warning Signs of Dyslexia

✓ Check all that apply:

In Preschool

- Delayed speech
- Mixing up sounds and/or syllables when saying long words (ie. spaghetti, animal, hamburger)
- Articulation difficulties (r-l, m-n, s-sh-ch); has worked with a speech therapist
- Stuttering
- Chronic ear infections
- Constant confusion of left versus right
- Late establishing of a dominant hand
- Difficulty learning to tie shoes
- Difficulty memorizing the names of the letters and the sounds they make
- Trouble memorizing address, phone number and/or the alphabet
- Could not create words that rhyme by the age of four

In Elementary School/High School

- Dysgraphia (odd pencil grip, difficulty staying on the lines, odd spacing of letters, unusual starts and stops of letters)
- Letter or number reversals continuing past the end of first grade
- Extreme difficulty learning cursive
- Slow, choppy, inaccurate reading:
 - o Guesses based on shape or context or picture clues
 - o Skips or misreads prepositions (at, to, of)
 - o Ignores suffixes
 - o Can't sound out unknown words despite being taught phonics
- Terrible spelling
- Often can't read or spell high-frequency sight words; often writes the wrong homonym
- Difficulty telling time on a clock with hands
- Trouble with math:
 - o Memorizing math facts or multiplication tables
 - o Memorizing a sequence of steps
 - o Directionality
- Extremely messy bedroom, backpack, and desk
- Dreads going to school (complains of stomach aches or headaches, may have nightmares about school)
- Word retrieval difficulty when speaking (lots of "whatyamacallits" and "thingies")
- Extremely poor written expression (written expression not at all similar to oral expression)
- Difficulty copying off the board
 - o Can only copy one or two letters at a time
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- Extreme difficulty taking notes during lectures
- Unable to master a foreign language
- Difficulty reading printed music
- Homework takes forever; nightly homework wars
 - o Is unable to do homework without assistance
- Close relatives also struggle with reading, spelling and writing



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