

Warning Signs of Dyslexia

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:
 - Guesses based on shape or context or picture clues
 - Skips or misreads prepositions (at, to, of)
 - Ignores suffixes
 - 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:
 - Memorizing math facts or multiplication tables
 - Memorizing a sequence of steps
 - Directionality
- ☐ Extremely messy bedroom, backpack, and desk
- ☐ Dreads going to school (complaints 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
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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
 - Is unable to do homework without assistance
- ☐ Close relatives also struggle with reading, spelling and writing