

# Warning Signs of Dyslexia

We recommend you find out more about dyslexia if a child has three or more of the following warning signs. Dyslexia screening starts at 7 years old.

## In Preschool

- Delayed speech
- Chronic ear infections
- Stuttering
- Confuses left and right
- Late establishing a dominant hand
- Difficulty learning to tie shoes
- Trouble memorizing address and phone number
- Struggles remembering the alphabet
- Mixes up the sounds and syllables in long words
- Can't create words that rhyme

## In Elementary School

- Dysgraphia (slow, non-automatic handwriting)
- Letter or number reversal beyond first grade
- Extreme difficulty learning cursive writing
- Slow, choppy, inaccurate reading:
  - Guesses based on shape or context
  - Skips or misreads prepositions (at, to, of)
  - Ignores suffixes
  - Can't sound out unknown words
- Exceptionally poor spelling
- Often can't remember...
  - Sight words (they, were, does)
  - Capitalization
  - Punctuation
- Difficulties telling time using a clock with hands
- Difficulties with math, particularly memorizing:
  - Multiplication tables
  - A sequence of steps
- Trouble with directionality
- Difficulty finding the right word when speaking:
  - Lots of 'whatchamacallits' and 'thingies'
  - Slight garbling of common sayings
- Extremely messy bedroom, backpack, desk
- Dreads going to school:
  - Complains of stomach aches or headaches
  - May have nightmares about school

## In High School

All of the previous symptoms, plus...

- Limited vocabulary
- Extremely poor written expression
- Discrepancy between verbal skills and written composition
- Unable to master a foreign language
- Difficulty reading printed music
- Poor grades across multiple classes
- May drop out of school


## In Adults


All of the previous history plus...

- Still confuses left and right
- Still an exceptionally poor speller
- Confuses 'b' and 'd', especially if tired or ill
- Slow reader
- May read a page two/three times to understand it
- Dreads writing emails, memos, letters
- Often gets lost, even somewhere familiar

Think someone in your life is dyslexic?

Please get in touch to find out about our dyslexia screening service and to discuss how best we can help you.

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