



Dyslexia Warning Signs

Preschool and Kindergarten

- Late talker, articulation errors, mispronunciation
- Trouble hearing and producing rhymes
- Late establishing dominant hand
- Difficulty learning colors, shapes, letter names and sounds
- Family history of dyslexia
- Struggles with positional words (next to, under, behind, on top)
- Fine or gross motor delays
- May struggle to find the right word for something or saying the wrong word (word retrieval)
- Breaking a word into individual sounds
- Blending individual sounds into a word

In Elementary School

- Left and right confusion
- Problems with rote memory such as address, phone number, math facts
- Tying shoes
- May confuse or omit high frequency words
- Messy, illegible and disorganized handwriting, poor letter formations, may draw their letters, poor pencil control or grip (dysgraphia)
- Poor spelling
- Does not understand how many words in a sentence, how many syllables in a word, how many letters in a word, how many sounds in a word
- Letter or number reversals continuing past third grade
- Slow, choppy, inaccurate reading:
- Guesses unknown words based on shape or context

In Elementary School Cont.

- Ignores suffixes
- Trouble with decoding unknown words
- Often can't remember sight words (they, were, does) or homonyms (their, they're, and there)
- Difficulty telling time with an analogue clock
- Trouble with math - memorizing multiplication tables
- Memorizing a sequence of steps
- Difficulty decoding nonsense words
- Dreads going to school
- Complains of stomach aches or headaches
- May have nightmares about school
- Avoids reading

Middle School and High School

- All of the above symptoms plus:
- Limited vocabulary
- Extremely poor written expression
- Large discrepancy between verbal skills and written compositions
- Difficulty mastering a foreign language
- Difficulty reading printed music
- Difficulty organizing longer written assignments
- Difficulty editing own work
- Avoids homework
- Decreased self confidence
- Hard time completing assignments on their own
- Anxiety and depression
- Poor grades in many classes
- May drop out of high school



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