

## **Dyslexia Checklist**

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**Precursors** Yes No **Auditory/Verbal** Late talking – 2=200 words, 3=900, 4=some grammatical errors remain, 5=few grammatical errors and mature speech Difficulty with articulation Difficulty following and remembering directions Difficulty with word retrieval Difficulty learning letter names and sounds Difficulty blending sounds into words Visual Difficulty with and/or avoidance of puzzles Difficulties recognizing letters Difficulty with basic sight words Reversals and transpositions (more than usual) Difficulty with tracking Difficulty blending sounds into words

## Symptoms among readers/writers

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| Multisensory Reading/Spelling Signs of Dyslexia   |  |
| Reads slowly and laboriously                      |  |
| Reads in a monotone                               |  |
| Shortens words when reads                         |  |
| Puts stress on the wrong syllables                |  |
| Omits prefixes or suffixes                        |  |
| Adds suffixes                                     |  |
| Poor comprehension due to low energy              |  |
| Remembers little of what was read                 |  |
| Cannot write or match the appropriate letter when |  |
| given the sound                                   |  |
| Often ignores punctuation                         |  |
| Poor at copying from the board or book to paper   |  |
| Has trouble remembering the names of people or    |  |
| Things  |  |
| Misreads, omits, or adds small words              |  |

|  | Yes | No |
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| Auditory Deficits – Reading                                |     |    |
| Substitutions of sounds                                    |     |    |
| Poor sounds blending to make words                         |     |    |
| Knows names not sounds of letters                          |     |    |
| Poor phonic attack   |     |    |
| When stuck on a word may not sound it out                  |     |    |
| Substitutes words  |     |    |
| Uses synonyms – mommy/mother                               |     |    |
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| Auditory Deficits – Spelling                               |     |    |
| Can memorize spelling lists – can't regularly use          |     |    |
| Omits endings  |     |    |
| Uses synonyms  |     |    |
| Omits 2 <sup>nd</sup> letter in blends – ted for fle       |     |    |
| Confuses voiced and unvoiced pairs p/b f/v sh/ch           |     |    |
| Doesn't hear subtle differences – leaves out vowels        |     |    |
| Confuses vowels  |     |    |
| Wild guesses   |     |    |
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| Visual Deficits – Reading                                  |     |    |
| May invert or reverse letters                              |     |    |
| Rate of perception is slow                                 |     |    |
| Adds words that aren't there sometimes changes meaning     |     |    |
| May omit and read through punctuation,                     |     |    |
| May confuse order place/palace                             |     |    |
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| Visual Deficits – Spelling                                 |     |    |
| May visualize beginning/end of word but omit middle        |     |    |
| Spells phonetically (site/sight)                           |     |    |
| Mixes capital and small letters                            |     |    |
| Reverses letters   |     |    |
| Gives correct letters in wrong sequence                    |     |    |
| Many erasures  |     |    |
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| Math   |     |    |
| Problems with numbers and calculations                     |     |    |
| May have difficulty with some of the terms < >             |     |    |
| May reverse or transpose numbers                           |     |    |
| May have difficulty with mental arithmetic                 |     |    |
| May have trouble telling time                              |     |    |
| Reading of word problems may be a difficulty               |     |    |
| Showing their work is often a challenge in spite of gifted |     |    |
| Understanding  |     |    |

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| Handwriting   |     |    |
| May be illegible - irregular sizes, shapes and/or spacing     |     |    |
| Tight pencil grip.  |     |    |
| Writing is slow, not automatic and exhausting                 |     |    |
| May put their head on desk and watch pencil while writing     |     |    |
| Copying off the board is slow, painful and tedious            |     |    |
| Pages are organized poorly                                    |     |    |
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| Written Expression  |     |    |
| Write everything as one long sentence                         |     |    |
| Confused about what makes a complete sentence                 |     |    |
| Many misspelled words   |     |    |
| Writing takes a long time (dysgraphia)                        |     |    |
| Do not notice errors when proofreading                        |     |    |
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| Directionality  |     |    |
| Left – right confusion  |     |    |
| Up – down confusion   |     |    |
| Word /letter directionality confusion                         |     |    |
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| Sequencing in a Task  |     |    |
| Printing letters  |     |    |
| Long division steps   |     |    |
| Touch typing is a necessary skill but difficult to learn      |     |    |
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| Rote Memory   |     |    |
| Multiplication tables are difficult to learn                  |     |    |
| Science facts are difficult                                   |     |    |
| History facts are hard to hold                                |     |    |
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| Telling Time and time concepts                                |     |    |
| Concepts such as before and after may be difficult            |     |    |
| Telling time with clock hands is a difficult spatial activity |     |    |
| Gifts – right brain talents                                   |     |    |
| Artistic skill  |     |    |
| Athletic ability  |     |    |
| Musical talent  |     |    |
| Mechanical skill  |     |    |
| Nonverbal/people skills Intuition                             |     |    |
| Imagination   |     |    |
| Creativity  |     |    |
| Curiosity   |     |    |
| Carrosity   |     |    |