

DYSLEXIA SYMPTOMS:

BEFORE SCHOOL

Signs that a young child may be at risk of dyslexia include:

- ☐ Delayed speech development and vocabulary learning;
- ☐ Difficulties forming words, such as making the sound in some words backward or mixing up words that sound similar;
- ☐ Problems retaining information, such as numbers, the alphabet, and colors;
- ☐ Difficulty learning nursery rhymes or playing rhyming games;
- ☐ May learn to crawl, walk, talk, and ride a bicycle later than the majority of others;
- ☐ May take longer to learn the letters of the alphabet and how they are pronounced;
- ☐ May have problems remembering the days of the week, months of the year, colors, and some arithmetic tables.

SCHOOL AGE

Once your child is in school, dyslexia signs and symptoms may become more apparent, including:

- ☐ Reading well below the expected level for age;
- ☐ Difficulties processing information;
- ☐ Difficulty finding the right word or forming answers to questions;
- ☐ Problems remembering the sequence of things;
- ☐ Difficulty seeing (and occasionally hearing) similarities and differences in letters and words;
- ☐ Issues with remembering sequences of objects or information;
- ☐ Being unable to put an unfamiliar word into sounds;
- ☐ Difficulty in spelling;
- ☐ Avoiding activities that involve reading;
- ☐ The child may confuse "left" and "right";
- ☐ Children with dyslexia commonly find it hard to concentrate and become mentally exhausted;
- ☐ Children with dyslexia can experience attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as there are links to increased risk of being ADHD;

TEENS AND ADULTS

Dyslexia signs in teens and adults are similar to those in children. Some common dyslexia signs and symptoms in teens and adults include:

- ☐ Difficulty reading, including reading aloud;
- ☐ Slow and labor-intensive reading and writing;
- ☐ Spelling issues;
- ☐ Avoiding activities that involve reading;
- ☐ Mispronouncing words, or problems recalling words for a particular object or topic;
- ☐ Problems with understanding the meaning behind jokes and expressions;
- ☐ Difficulty summarizing a story;
- ☐ Difficulties learning a foreign language, memorizing, or completing math problems;
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- ☐ Difficulty doing math problems;