

Dyslexia Checklist

Primary School Child

Dear Parent, are you concerned about your child? Please remember that this checklist only serves to enlighten you in order to prompt further investigation. The number of ticks on this checklist cannot be accepted as a diagnosis in any manner or fashion.

Family history is generally a very good indicator since Dyslexia is hereditary.

Reading

- ☐ Difficulty recognizing sounds and combinations of letters that make up sounds
- ☐ Getting the sounds and the letters in words out of sequence
- ☐ Substitution of words when reading aloud, bus instead of car
- ☐ Continuing difficulty with rhyming and remembering rhyming sequence

Coordination

- ☐ Can have difficulty in subjects that require coordination
- ☐ May have difficulty with tying shoelaces
- ☐ May appear disheveled at times
- ☐ May seem clumsy

Reaction time

- ☐ May take longer than expected to respond to tasks
- ☐ May also expect others to take the lead in some tasks

Memory

- ☐ Will have difficulty remembering lists of information and dates
- ☐ May have difficulty in remember homework
- ☐ May have difficulty in remembering days of the week and extra mural activities

Speech and language

- ☐ Articulation can be poor
- ☐ Difficulty blending sounds into words

Spelling

- ☐ May make phonological (sound) errors in spelling
- ☐ Letters may be out of sequence
- ☐ Inconsistent use of some letters with similar sounds such as 's' & 'z'
- ☐ May spell a word correctly one day but not the next

Writing

- ☐ Writing can be slow and deliberate lacking in any fluency speed
- ☐ Inconsistent use of capital and small letters
- ☐ May be reluctant to write
- ☐ Sometimes unusual or awkward pencil grip
- ☐ May not sit comfortably when writing

Organization

- ☐ Likely that school bag will be untidy
- ☐ May lose things quickly, including essential items like homework

