

Dyslexia Screener Checklist

A guide for parents:

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A Multi-Sensory Path to Reading

This checklist is designed to help parents identify potential indicators of dyslexia in their children. It is not a diagnostic tool, but rather a guide to help determine if further evaluation and support may be beneficial. Please check the boxes that apply to your child.

Reading Red Flags

- Slow, labored reading (even with simple words)
- Difficulty decoding unfamiliar words
- Guessing at words instead of sounding them out
- Omitting or adding words while reading
- Difficulty remembering what was read
- Avoids reading aloud
- Mispronounces familiar words
- Has trouble with phonological awareness (rhyming, segmenting sounds)

Spelling & Writing Red Flags

- Difficulty spelling common words
- Inconsistent spelling errors
- Poor handwriting or letter formation
- Difficulty putting thoughts into writing
- Avoids writing tasks
- Confuses letter order in words
- Struggles to copy from the board or a book

Listening & Memory Indicators

- Difficulty following multi-step directions
- Poor short-term memory
- Difficulty recalling names or facts
- Needs information repeated often
- Confuses similar-sounding words

- Difficulty learning sequences (days of the week, months of the year)

School & Homework Behaviors

- Frustration with reading or writing tasks
- Avoidance of schoolwork
- Difficulty completing assignments on time
- Lower grades in reading and writing compared to other subjects
- Expresses feeling "dumb" or "stupid"
- Frequent headaches or stomachaches related to schoolwork

Strengths Often Seen with Dyslexia

- Excellent visual-spatial skills
- Strong problem-solving abilities
- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Good at hands-on activities
- Ability to see the "big picture"

These strengths matter – they help balance the challenges.

What This Checklist Means

- **0-3 checks:** Struggles may be developmental or unrelated.
- **4-6 checks:** Mild concerns – worth monitoring.
- **7+ checks:** Strong indicators for dyslexia or other reading difficulty.