

# DYSLEXIA SIGNS + SYMPTOMS

Following you will find some of the more common Signs and Symptoms associated with dyslexia, broken down by age. Take a moment to review the list that is most closely associated with your child's age. If you notice that a majority of the signs and symptoms are apparent in your child's progression, a logical next step could be taking the **Dyslexia Symptoms Quiz**, or learning more about **Getting Diagnosed**.

	<b>LANGUAGE</b> Does your child have difficulty:	<b>READING</b> Does your child have difficulty:	<b>WRITING</b> Does your child have difficulty:	<b>EMOTIONAL</b> Does your child have:	<b>ADDITIONAL SIGNS and SYMPTOMS</b> Does your child have difficulty:
<b>Age 5 – 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning the alphabet</li> <li>• Rhyming words</li> <li>• Repeating what has been said</li> <li>• Staying focused</li> <li>• Learning to speak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming Letters</li> <li>• Matching letters to sounds</li> <li>• Learning to read at expected age</li> <li>• Remembering printed words</li> <li>• Remembering sight words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning to write and copy at an age-appropriate level</li> <li>• Writing letters in correct order</li> <li>• Writing numbers in correct order</li> <li>• Spelling correctly and consistently</li> <li>• Writing neatly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor self-confidence</li> <li>• Low self-esteem</li> <li>• Poor social skills - making and keeping friends</li> <li>• A quick temper/frustration</li> </ul>	
<b>Age 9 - 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhyming words</li> <li>• Pronouncing words correctly</li> <li>• Speaking smoothly</li> <li>• Understanding directions</li> <li>• Understanding grammar/vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at age-appropriate level</li> <li>• Enjoying reading</li> <li>• Remembering sight words</li> <li>• Learning and remembering new words</li> <li>• Understanding math word problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding spelling rules</li> <li>• Spelling words consistently correct</li> <li>• Writing letters and numbers in the correct order</li> <li>• Writing neatly</li> <li>• Listening and taking notes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitting in with peers confidently</li> <li>• Maintaining a positive social status</li> <li>• Maintaining a positive attitude</li> <li>• Interpreting non-verbal actions (e.g. body language) of others</li> <li>• Maintaining an even temper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assuming a good sense of direction</li> <li>• Learning new games easily</li> <li>• Learning and remembers new skills easily</li> <li>• Remembering numbers</li> </ul>
<b>Age 14 – 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking fluently</li> <li>• Grasping a wide vocabulary</li> <li>• Using the correct grammar and vocabulary</li> <li>• Knowing the difference between words that look and sound similar</li> <li>• Getting to a point quickly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at expected grade level and accuracy</li> <li>• Reading aloud proficiently</li> <li>• Recognizing sight words</li> <li>• Enjoying reading</li> <li>• Reading confidently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently spelling words accurately</li> <li>• Fully developing ideas</li> <li>• Preparing accurate, comprehensive outlines</li> <li>• Editing written work</li> <li>• Being logical and organized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying social strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• Dealing with being teased</li> <li>• Making and keeping friends</li> <li>• Dealing with unexpected challenges</li> <li>• Identifying what others are feeling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorizing information</li> <li>• Organizing information</li> <li>• Being even keeled from day to day</li> <li>• Understanding space and direction</li> </ul>