

## **Checklist of Signs of Dyslexia at Different Life Stages**

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**A general note:** Each and every person who has dyslexia will experience different signs of it. However, these are some common signs that occur in many individuals. My advice is, if a child is *consistently inconsistent* in the ability to read, write, and comprehend information then please pay attention to that. If you believe a child has dyslexia, then look into getting the child evaluated at school or by a neuropsychologist.

### **Elementary school**

- Avoids reading tasks
- Lacks Independence (may rely on classmates or parents to do work for them)
- Frequently misspell's words (especially common words)
- Frequently mispronounces words (especially common words)
- Poor reading fluency
- Turns in incomplete work
- Typically “runs out of time” for in class assignments/ homework takes longer than it should to complete
- Spells words how they sound: “Palise” instead of “Police”

### **Middle School**

- Poor reading comprehension
- Skips words or lines when reading
- Does not understand figurative language (ex: personification, metaphor)
- Hard time starting a written assignment (not knowing what to say)
- Spells words with the wrong vowels, prefixes, or suffixes (**Proscription** instead of **Prescription**)
- Challenges decoding words (especially ones that are multisyllabic)
- Spells a word correct on one page, but not correct on the next page
- Challenges summarizing what was read

### **High School**

- Trouble identifying the most important material in a text (annotating or studying for a test)
- Problems following multi-step instructions
- Slower reader compared to peers
- Struggles with complex language, jokes, or understanding the main idea
- Poor grammar

- Inconsistent spelling
- Forgetful (needs constant reminders/ re-teaching)
- Difficulty copying material from one place to another (ex: copying information from a white board to the page)
- Losing your place when you read (especially when you look away from the text and back again)