

SISD DYSLEXIA
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PARENT RESOURCES

International Dyslexia Association
<http://www.interdys.org>

Academic Language Therapy Association
<http://www.altaread.org>

LD on Line <http://www.ldonline.com>

Texas Center for Learning Disabilities
<http://www.texasldcenter.org>

**Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic/
Texas**
[http://www.rfbd.org/units/
Texas_unit.htm](http://www.rfbd.org/units/Texas_unit.htm)

The Florida Center for Reading Research
<http://www.fcrr.org>



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WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?


The current definition from the International Dyslexia Association states:

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.



FALSE STATEMENTS ABOUT DYSLEXIA

National Institutes of Health, 1994

- ✘ Dyslexia does not exist
- ✘ Intelligence and ability to read are related. Therefore if someone doesn't read well, they can't be very smart. Also, gifted children cannot be dyslexic or have other learning disabilities
- ✘ Dyslexia is rare (5% or less).
- ✘ There is no way to truly diagnose dyslexia.
- ✘ Dyslexia cannot be diagnosed until a child is 8 to 11 years old.
- ✘ Many children who experience reading and writing problems in kindergarten through third grade will outgrow those problems. These children are just developmentally delayed.
- ✘ Repeating a grade will often help children gain skills because it allows them to mature.
- ✘ Children outgrow dyslexia.
- ✘ Dyslexia is a visual problem. Therefore, vision therapy, eye tracking exercises, and/or colored lenses will solve the problem.

COMMON SIGNS OF DYSLEXIA

Kindergarten-Third Grade

- △ Failure to understand that words are made up of parts or individual sounds
- △ Difficulty learning the letter names and their corresponding sounds



- △ Difficulty reading single words in isolation
- △ Choppy and labored reading
- △ Difficulty spelling phonetically

Fourth grade-High School:

- △ History of reading and spelling difficulties
- △ Avoids reading aloud
- △ Reads most materials slowly, oral reading is labored, not fluent
- △ Avoids reading for pleasure
- △ Difficulty with spelling

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