

Identifying dyslexia in schoolchildren

Student(s) aged between 5 and 12 years old could have dyslexia if they exhibit a number of the following behaviors:

- Reading slowly and missing out words or adding in extra ones
- Writing letters and numbers the wrong way round (such as 'd' as 'b')
- Struggling to tell the time
- Having a lower standard of written work compared to oral ability
- Seems 'dreamy' and is easily distracted
- Easily confused by similar letters, such as 'p' and 'q', 'b' and 'd' or 'm' and 'w'
- Poor personal organization skills
- Slow writing speeds
- Spelling the same word in varied ways in the same piece of writing
- Difficulty learning sequences (such as days of the week)
- Talented in art, music or other creative subjects
- Often spells words phonetically

