

Dyslexia Checklist¹

If the answer to most of the following questions is 'Yes' it would be wise to seek advice:

All ages

- Is s/he bright in some ways with a 'block' in others?
- Is there anyone else in the family with similar difficulties?
- Does s/he have difficulty carrying out three instructions in sequence?
- Was s/he late in learning to talk, or with speaking clearly?

Ages 7-11

- Does s/he have particular difficulty with reading or spelling?
- Does s/he put figures or letters the wrong way e.g. 15 for 51, 6 for 9, b for d, was for saw?
- Does s/he read a word then fail to recognise it further down the page?
- Does s/he spell a word several different ways without recognising the correct version?
- Does s/he have a poor concentration span for reading and writing?
- Does s/he have difficulty understanding time and tense?
- Does s/he confuse left and right?
- Does s/he answer questions orally but have difficulty writing the answer?
- Is s/he unusually clumsy?
- Does s/he have trouble with sounds in words, e.g. poor sense of rhyme?

Ages 12 - adult

- Is s/he sometimes inaccurate in reading?
- Is spelling poor?
- Does s/he have difficulty taking notes or copying?
- Does s/he have difficulty with planning and writing essays, letters or reports?

¹The Website of the Dyslexia Institute: <http://www.dyslexia-inst.org.uk>