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What is dyslexia?

Dyslexia is commonly thought to be a difficulty with reading and writing. Often people think it is about reversing letters when writing. Dyslexia commonly affects reading and writing, but it is not unusual for people to reach university before getting diagnosed. Dyslexia can also affect speed of processing information, working memory, organisational skills or verbal communication. Many of those with dyslexia have different areas of strengths and weaknesses. What is important is how it affects you and that you receive the right type of support.

At present there is not an agreed definition of what dyslexia is and diagnosis must be conducted by a qualified assessor using industry recognised tests. It can not be diagnosed by observation of reading and spelling. Please see our link for more details

I think my child may be dyslexic- what should I do?

If you have a child at school- we always advise you contact the school and try to be assessed via the Local Education Authority (LEA) or your school.

If you are at college, approach your learning support officer to discuss how they can help you get assessed.

If all of the above enquires are not successful, you can contact a specialised qualified assessor, such as those based at Leek Dyslexia and Literacy Support to obtain an assessment.

Will my child's school take the report seriously and act upon it?

It is likely that once you have chosen to have a reported conducted by Leek Dyslexic and Literary Support, you will probably have been in a lot of communication with school about your concerns. Therefore the school is likely to have some idea about how they can help support your child.

FAQ

Please note that a report conducted by Leek Dyslexia and Literacy Support is a thorough and professional, written to industry standards. However it is only if a child receives a Statement of Special Educational Needs that a school is legally obliged to implement any recommendations made in the statement.

In our experience, schools often consider our reports seriously and make suitable adjustments or request additional assessments from the LEA's Special Educational Needs team.

The level of support and intervention will depend upon the type of programme the school uses and staff available, to support children

I'm at university but think I may be dyslexic – is that possible?

Yes. It is not unusual for people to reach high levels of education before being identified as dyslexic

I'm in work but think I may be dyslexic- what can I do?

If you are at work, usually you will be required to pay for an assessment yourself. However if you think your job may be at risk because of your difficulties, then contact your local Job Centre Disability Advisor, they may be able to access funding for an assessment.

If you have a dyslexia diagnosis, you may be entitled to reasonable adjustments in the workplace to help support your needs.

What are the differences between assessments by educational psychologists and specialist teachers?

Some tests are 'closed' i.e. only available to educational (or chartered) psychologists. However, there are other tests which can be used by fully qualified specialist teachers, which ascertain the same areas of information that a psychologist would assess. As specialist teachers we have strengths of working within educational settings, and understand the demands on students and can recommend reasonable adjustments and strategies which can help.

Our assessor holds a current practicing certificate from PATOSS

How long will my report be valid for ?

A full diagnostic assessment will remain valid for anyone who is assessed after the age of 18. If you received an assessment whilst at school and wish to make an application for DSA when you attend university, you will require an up to date report.

If you are applying for Access Arrangements, you may have to have more recent tests

conducted, but this will not include a full diagnostic report. However we usually will need to have a copy of your report to see when your assessment was conducted and what tests were used to establish if further tests would be required.

I was allowed extra time for some of my exams at school / college. Does that mean I must have had a full diagnostic assessment already?

It is possible that you could have received a full diagnostic report but it is sometimes possible to conduct a brief set of tests to help obtain Access Arrangements. If you have received a full report, contact your school or LEA where you were educated, as they may still hold a copy of this report. You may have to make a written request to receive a copy.

Do you offer private tuition?

Yes. We offer tuition to people of all ages. This follows a structured, cumulative, multi-sensory language programme. Dependant on age and current ability, along with considering your needs and learning style, we will tailor your tuition to suit your needs. Please see out [Tuition](#) page for more information.

Our tutor is experienced and qualified specialist teacher, a member of PATOSS and AMBDA
