

# DYSLEXIA CHARACTERISTICS AT DIFFERENT AGES

Dyslexia is characterized by difficulty reading and spelling words.

Although there is no cure for dyslexia, early diagnosis and intervention leads to better academic, social, and emotional outcomes.

## HERE ARE A FEW CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSLEXIA IN CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, AND ADULTS:

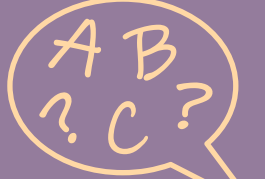
### 1 Characteristics of Dyslexia in Children (Before School Age)



Difficulty in rhyming words



May have a delay in speech and/or language



Difficulty learning letters and sounds



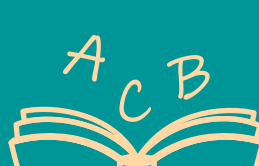
May have trouble pronouncing certain words



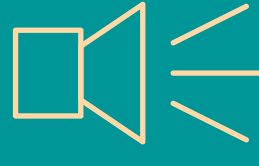
Has a family history of reading difficulties



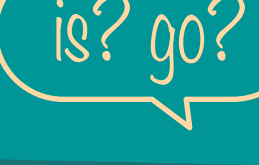
### 2 Characteristics of Dyslexia in Children (Pre-K to 5th Grade)



Oral language and reasoning are often more advanced than reading



Trouble blending and segmenting sounds in words



Difficulty remembering sight words (is, go, they)



Continues to sound out words after many exposures



Spells words the way they sound, not the way they look



May have a co-occurring disorder (dysgraphia, ADHD, language impairment)



### 3 Characteristics of Dyslexia in Teenagers



Has a slow reading rate



Difficulty completing timed tests without accommodations



Still struggles with spelling



Does not enjoy or spend time reading



Prefers to listen to books



May have a co-occurring disorder (dysgraphia, ADHD, language impairment)



Difficulty learning a foreign language



Takes longer to complete assignments



### 4 Common Characteristics of Adults With Dyslexia



May excel in other areas that don't involve reading



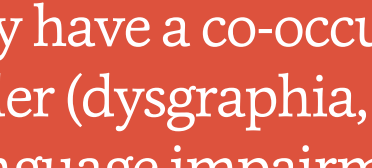
Written compositions can lack cohesion and organization



May have a co-occurring disorder (dysgraphia, ADHD, language impairment)



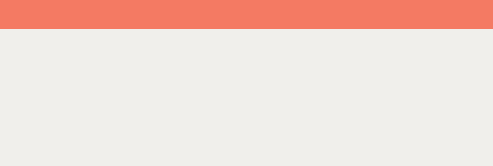
May have low self-esteem and lack confidence



Has a slow reading rate and difficulty spelling certain words



May struggle when put on the spot in conversations or writing



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