Dyslexia: Warning Signs By Age

Young Children

Trouble with:

- Recognizing letters, matching letters to sounds, and blending sounds into speech
- Pronouncing words, for example saying "mawn lower" instead of "lawn mower"
- Learning and correctly using new vocabulary words
- Learning the alphabet, numbers, and days of the week or similar common word sequences
- Rhyming

School-Age Children

Trouble with:

- Mastering the rules of spelling
- Remembering facts and numbers
- Handwriting or with gripping a pencil
- Learning and understanding new skills; instead, relying heavily on memorization
- Reading and spelling, such as reversing letters (d,b) or moving letters around (left, felt)
- Following a sequence of directions
- Trouble with word problems in math

Teenagers & Adults

Trouble with:

- Reading at the expected level
- Understanding non-literal language, such as idioms, jokes, or proverbs
- Reading aloud
- Organizing and managing time
- Trouble summarizing a story
- Learning a foreign language
- Memorizing