

TAKE OUR CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA QUIZ

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Thank you for your inquiry about the possibility that your child may have dyslexia. We are a Clinic dedicated to the diagnosis and management of developmental dyslexia. In the United States it is estimated that at least 20% of the population is functionally illiterate (cannot read beyond the 6th grade level). There are many reasons for not being able to read besides being dyslexic. These reasons include reduced academic potential (intelligence), being raised where English is the second language at home, emotional problems not due to school frustration, loss of sight and/or hearing, and perceptual problems.

According to research by the International Dyslexia Association, approximately 80% of the children diagnosed as Learning Disabled (LD) are dyslexics. Dyslexia has been the subject of much discussion and research. If you will take a minute or two to answer the questions below, you can have a better idea of whether we should evaluate your child:

1. Do you feel that your child can learn better if the reading assignment is read aloud to him/her?
2. Does your child try to 'sound out' words but struggles with even simple words?
3. Does your child spell words the way they sound rather than the way they are spelled?
4. Does your child seem to quickly forget how to spell words he/she just learned?
5. Is there a family history of reading problems on either side of the family?
6. Is there a history of bad ear infections during the child's first year of life?
7. Does your child lose understanding when he/she reads and/or when he/she has to answer written questions?
8. Did your child have an easy time with math skills until he/she had to start working word problems?
9. Is there a history of letter reversals greater than other children of the same age?
10. Does your child have at least average intelligence?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions 1 – 9, there is a possibility that dyslexia is present. The greater the number of these questions answered with a 'yes' the greater the chance for dyslexia. If you feel your child may have dyslexia, a diagnostician can administer a specially designed battery of diagnostic tests. This special testing allows us to tell you whether your child has dyslexia, the kind of dyslexia he/she may have, and the level of severity. It also allows us to initiate individualized therapy targeted to your child's specific problems. The therapy is designed to improve your child's classroom achievement by developing the foundation skills for reading through a multisensory (i.e., visual, auditory, and tactile) approach. If you are uncertain about the answer to question #10, we will perform an intelligence test on your child. Other problems such as copying skills (visual-motor dysfunction) and other perceptual disorders may co-exist with dyslexia. We will evaluate your child for these possibilities as well. Attentional factors (ADD, ADHD) may also be present. We can screen for these possibilities and make the appropriate referral. If you answered 'no' to question 10, it is unlikely we will be able to help your child.

*Call our Clinic today for an appointment.