

Dyslexia: What you're seeing in Your Preschooler

Be on the lookout of these signs of dyslexia, and keep track of what you're seeing. Your observations will come in handy when talking to your child's doctor or teachers.

Speaks Like a Younger Child

At home: Your child frequently mispronounces words (such as “aminal” instead of “animal”).

At school: Your child does not talk as much or seem to know as many words as her peers do.

The issue: Delayed language development is often one of the first warning signs of dyslexia.

Has Trouble Calling Things by the Right Name

At home: When you ask for a fork, your child hands you a spoon.

At school: Your child struggles with learning and naming numbers, colors and the letters of the alphabet.

The issue: Dyslexia affects the way the brain processes language. This can make it hard to attach the correct labels to objects and symbols.

Struggles With Rhymes:

At home: Your child can't fill the rhyming word in nursery rhymes (such as One Two, Buckle My ____)—and has even more difficulty making up rhymes on her own.

At school: Your child doesn't recognize rhyming patterns like *dog, log, hog*.

The issue: Kids with dyslexia often have a hard time isolating and breaking words into individual sounds.

Can't Seem to Follow Directions

At home: You ask your child to get her shoes and jacket, but she only gets the jacket.

At school: Your child needs frequent reminders to follow classroom rules and routines.

The issue: Children with dyslexia may not be able to grasp all the details in lengthy commands. They may only “hear” the first or last few words.

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