

# Checklist of Early Warning Signs of Reading Difficulty and Dyslexia by Age

	<b>Language</b> Does the student have difficulty:	<b>Reading</b> Does the student have difficulty:	<b>Writing</b> Does the student have difficulty:	<b>Emotional</b> Does the student have difficulty:
Age 5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning the alphabet</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rhyming words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repeating what has been said</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staying focused</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning to speak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Naming letters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Matching letters to sounds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning to read at expected age</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remembering printed words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remembering sight words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning to write and copy at an age-appropriate level</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writing letters in correct order</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writing numbers in correct order</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spelling correctly and consistently</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writing neatly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor self-confidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor social skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Making and keeping friends</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Easily frustrated</li> </ul>
Age 9-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rhyming words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pronouncing words correctly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Speaking smoothly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding directions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding grammar/vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading at age-appropriate level</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remembering sight words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning and remembering new words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding spelling rules</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spelling words consistently correct</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writing letters and numbers in the correct order</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writing neatly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Listening and taking notes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fitting in with peers confidently</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain positive social status</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a positive attitude</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interpreting non-verbal actions of others</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining an even temper</li> </ul>
Age 14-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Speaking fluently</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grasping a wide vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Using the correct grammar and vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Knowing the difference between words that look and sound familiar</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Getting to a point quickly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading at expected grade level and accuracy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading aloud proficiently</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognizing sight words</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading confidently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistently spelling words accurately</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fully developing ideas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preparing accurate, comprehensive outlines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Editing written work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Being logical and organized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identifying social strengths and weaknesses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with being teased</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Making and keeping friends</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with unexpected challenges</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identifying what others are feeling</li> </ul>