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### Dyslexia Case History Questionnaire

When did you first become aware of your child's academic struggles?

What did the school do when you expressed your concerns?

Has your child had any outside tutoring or therapy?	Yes	No	
Has anyone ever suggested your child might have ADD or ADHD?		Yes	No
If yes, did you pursue professional testing for it?	Yes	No	

Did/Does your child have: (mark all that apply)

- Delayed speech? (not speaking at 12 months)
- Mixing up the sound or syllables when saying long words (aminal for animal)
- Articulation problems (difficulty producing sounds - specifically r/l, m/n, s/sh/ch)
- Early stuttering
- Word retrieval difficulty
- Chronic ear infections
- Constant confusion of left versus right
- Late establishing a dominant hand
- Difficulty learning to tie shoes
- Trouble memorizing the names of the letters and the sounds they make
- Trouble memorizing their address, phone number, or the alphabet

Can't create words that rhyme (or could not in kindergarten)

Dysgraphia (unrecognizable handwriting)

Letter or number reversal continuing past the end of the first grade

Extremene difficulty learning cursive

Slow, choppy, inaccurate reading:

    Guesses based on shape or context

    When young, could read a word on one page but not know it on the next page

    Extreme difficulty learning high frequency words

    Still skips or misreads prepositions (at, to of)

    May read very slowly - school is working on fluency

    Can't easily sound out an unknown word - despite being taught phonics

Terrible spelling

    When writing sentences and stories; even misspells high frequency words

    Cannot retain spelling words from one week to the next

Often writes the wrong homonym(2 or more words having same spelling but different meanings)

Difficulty telling time on a clock with hands

Trouble with math

    Memorizing math facts or multiplication tables

    Memorizing a sequence of steps

Directionality (greater than/less than, before/after, start on wrong side)

    Can't read the word problems

Extremely messy bedroom, backpack, and desk

Dreads going to school

    Complains of stomachaches or headaches

    May start to dislike or hate school

Word retrieval difficulty when speaking

Extremely poor written expression compared to oral expression

Difficulty copying off the board

Can only copy one or two letters at a time

Often loses his place when copying

Makes mistake when copying

Difficulty with near-point copying (copying something near by, at edge of desk)

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Extreme difficulty taking notes during lectures

Unable to master a foreign language

Difficulty reading printed music

Homework takes forever

Child is unable to do homework without assistance

Nightly homework wars

Self-esteem issues

Child starts talking about being stupid

Other kids tease them about being stupid

Can you think of any close relatives who have the classic warning signs of dyslexia?