

FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT DYSLEXIA AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

This guide provides information for individuals, parents and employers who wish to find out more about Dyslexia and SpLD including guidance on assessment and tuition.

The guide also signposts useful sources of information for those wishing to support individuals with Dyslexia/SpLD.

This information is not comprehensive but aims to provide pointers to many of the useful resources available.

Please note: Dyslexia Action is now solely a teacher training organisation and no longer provides advice, tuition or assessments.

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1. Assessment and Tuition Services

Are you a parent looking for help?

The following organisations provide services or links to individuals offering tuition and/or assessment. You should ask assessors about their qualifications and make sure they have an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC).



The Dyslexia Guild – Find a Professional (directory)

The Directory is formed from members who have specialist qualifications and are committed to improve their personal practice and to uphold The Dyslexia Guild Code of Practice. APC holders are qualified to carry out assessment for dyslexia.

Visit the directory at training.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/membersdirectory (instructions of how to use the directory can be found through the link)

Dyslexia Network

Dyslexia Network learning centres provide advice, tuition and assessment services in York, Harrogate, Humberside, Lincoln and Newark. <https://www.dyslexianet.co/>

British Psychological Society

Search for type of psychologist as **Educational** and issue as **Dyslexia assessment**. Educational Psychologists should also be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) bps.org.uk/find-psychologist
hcpc-uk.org/check-the-register

Dyslexia Scotland

dyslexiascotland.org.uk/

Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity

helenarkell.org.uk/what-we-do/assessments/

PATOSS Tutor Assessor Index

patoss-dyslexia.org/about-the-tutor-index

British Dyslexia Association

A charity with a [helpline](#) on Monday to Thursday, phone number is: 0333 405 4567
bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments

Please note:

- College and University students should contact their Student Support Services within the college or university they are studying with in the first instance
- Parents of children at school or sixth form should contact the school Learning Support, SEND or SENCo in the first instance
- For reports to be acceptable for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA), the author must hold a current SpLD APC and follow SASC guidelines or be HCPC registered **at the time of the assessment** (February 2019). Check them on the SASC website <https://www.sasc.org.uk/find-an-assessor/>

2. Information and Resources for Parents

The Dyslexia Action Shop

The Dyslexia Action Shop provides a comprehensive range of resources and support materials for individuals with dyslexia/SpLD.

dyslexiaactionshop.co.uk/

CReSTeD – The Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils

Provides a searchable regional list of schools offering specialist tuition to children with literacy difficulties crested.org.uk/

The Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity

helenarkell.org.uk/courses-and-events/parents/

3. Resources to support Reading and Literacy

Alpha to Omega: An A-Z of Teaching reading, writing and spelling

by Beve Hornsby and Frula Shear. This book is for teachers rather than parents.

Nessy

nessy.com/en-us/dyslexia-explained

Nessy is widely used for whole class, phonics, math, typing and early reading instruction

Teach your Monster to Read

teachyourmonster.org/

The Dyslexia SpLD Trust - Interventions for Literacy: What works for children and young people with literacy difficulties? A review of intervention schemes for literacy and their effectiveness.

interventionsforliteracy.org.uk/

Units of Sound: Literacy that fits

Units of Sound supports anyone (8ys+) who wants to improve on their reading, spelling and writing skills in English.

nisai.com/unitsofsound/

RNIB Bookshare

Offers a range of accessible textbooks and educational materials to support the personal needs of learners with print disabilities such as dyslexia in different formats.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/independent-living/reading-and-books/rnib-bookshare/>

RNIB Talking Books

Talking Books service is absolutely free. Giving you access to over 40,000 fiction and non fiction books for adults and children in accessible formats that suits you.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/independent-living/reading-and-books/talking-books/>

4. Assistive Technology

Ability Net

abilitynet.org.uk/

CALL Scotland

callscotland.org.uk/information/dyslexia/

What is Assistive Technology and Types of Assistive Technology

iansyst.co.uk/technology/

Mind mapping

mindmeister.com/blog/students-guide-to-mind-mapping/

See also books by Tony Buzan on Mind mapping.

Scanning Pens

scanningpens.co.uk/

Text to Speech Software

techradar.com/news/the-best-free-text-to-speech-software

Fonetti

Uses the power of the child's own voice to accelerate reading improvements and boost reader confidence, whilst giving teachers actionable reading data to drive effective classroom interactions.

fonetti.com/

5. Training for Teachers and Support Staff

Training for teachers or support tutors in schools or colleges.

Dyslexia Action Training provides specialist online training for teachers, teaching assistants and support tutors.

See: dyslexiaaction.org.uk

The Dyslexia Guild:

The membership organisation for professionals teaching and supporting individuals with dyslexia/SpLD. The Dyslexia Guild also issues Assessment Practising Certificates and can offer advice to teachers looking to gain an APC.

See: dyslexiaguild.org.uk/

Real Training

Distance learning, face-to-face training and consultancy to education professionals

<https://realtraining.co.uk/>

6. Other Useful Sources of Information

The ADHD Foundation

adhdfoundation.org.uk/

The Autism Education Trust

autismeducationtrust.org.uk/

Mental Health Foundation

mentalhealth.org.uk/

National Autistic Society

autism.org.uk

Pdnet: a network for those supporting learners with physical disability

pdnet.org.uk/

Young Minds

youngminds.org.uk/