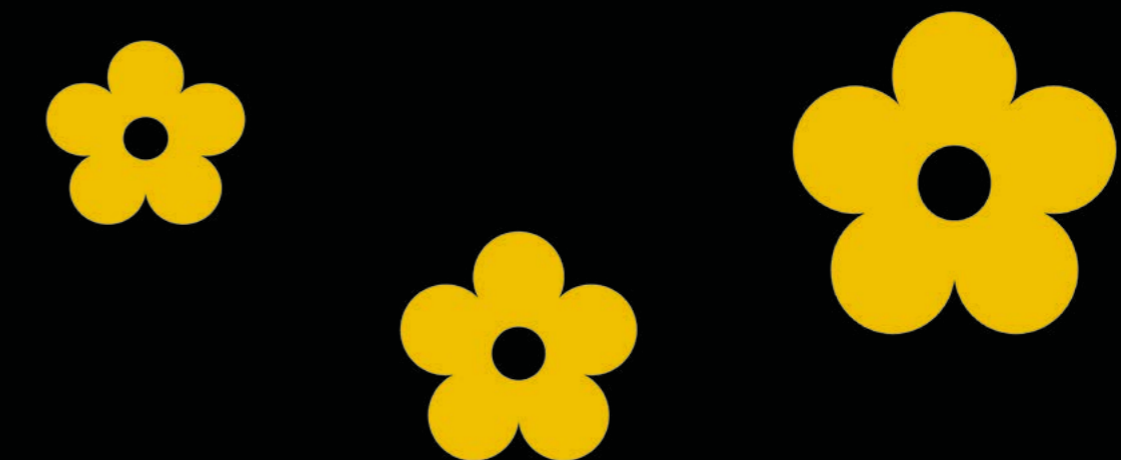


Dyslexia Tips



**FOR MOMS
& Teachers**



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How to Help, Teach & Understand Children with Dyslexia



D Learn by **Discovery**

Make sure that the child has freedom to learn by discovery. Let them do experiments, use the kitchen, invent new things, get messy, or take things apart. Kids are washable.



Dyslexic children want to know how things work and how things feel. Learning can be fun!



J **Enjoy the** ourney

Dyslexic children need time to think deeply and play freely. Let them grow in their talents, explore their interests and learn to love by watching us.



Dyslexic children have amazing imaginations and big ideas. Be patient and enjoy the journey.



G Play Reading **ames**

Play Reading Games with your child. Let the child see you enjoying books. Read labels, maps, recipes, and signs.



Play word and letter games to help the child to develop new mental skills for literacy. IDEAS: Hunt everywhere for five letter words, or look for words that start the letter “P” or “M”.



Tap into Talent

Children with Dyslexia are very talented, but they often feel dumb because it takes them longer to learn to read, write and spell.



It's easy to try to focus on the child's problem and overlook his abilities. Try to find the perfect balance. Use learning projects that tap into creative talent.



Visual Thinkers

Dyslexics are visual thinkers. That means they think in pictures not words. When learning to read they need to be able to visualize the letters and words.



Make letters out of clay together while practicing the LETTER SOUNDS.



a special connection with **A**nimals

It is wonderful for Dyslexic children to have animals to observe and enjoy, even a fish or a frog. Children with Dyslexia have a special connection with animals.

Pets help kids learn about responsibility and kindness, as well as science! If the child can't own a pet spend time at the zoo, a farm or even a petshop.

W Fish out of Water

Children with Dyslexia love to be moving, active and busy. Sitting in a desk and being still feels like torture. It's easy for a dyslexic child to feel like a fish out of water or a bird with clipped wings.

If the child is falling behind, they may need to try a new school or homeschool. The whole world is a classroom!





Pthe wrong **Planet**

Children with Dyslexia often feel like they were born on the wrong planet. They see the world through different eyes.



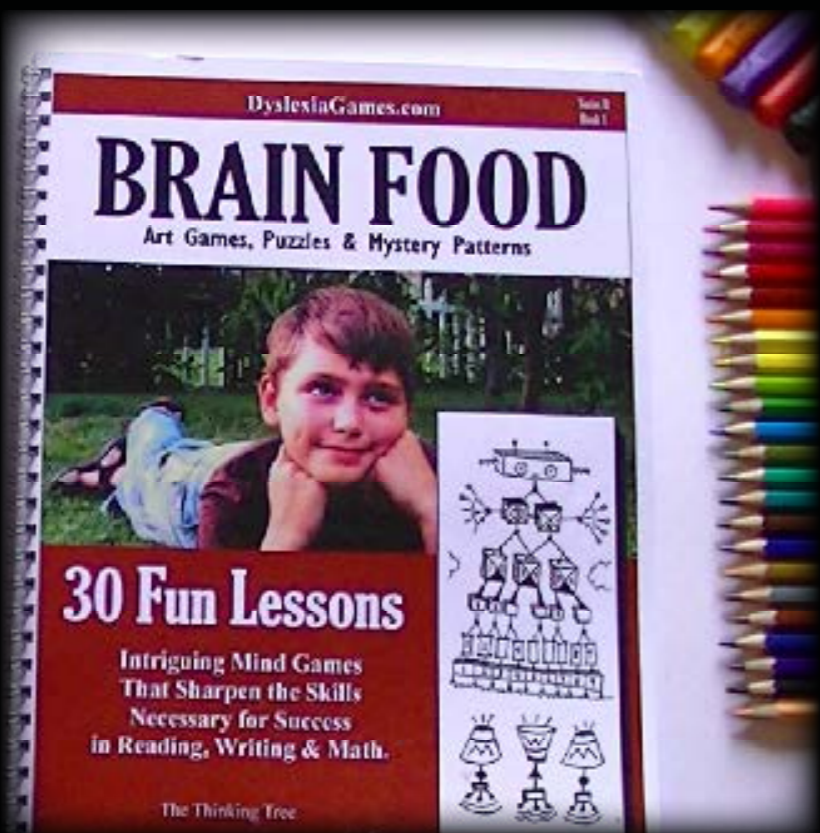
They were born to be Inventors, Artists, Composers, Scientists, Explorers, Designers, Dancers and Architects... but they often make poor students and often feel misunderstood by others.





more freedom to **Explore**

Choose learning activities that encourage creativity, problem solving skills and brain training. Feed the child's mind.



Dyslexic children love to include art, logic and discovery in learning. Try Dyslexia Games and let them use markers, colored pencils, clay and paint.



explore new

INTERESTS

Invest in the child's hobbies.

Focus on the child's gifts. Help him study his interests, develop his talents or start a business.

Treasure who the child is and practice saying "YES"! Dyslexic children need to feel valued for who they are. Major on his strengths not on his weaknesses.



use visual Reminders

Children with dyslexia are often impulsive and forgetful.

When you make plans or assign jobs for a Dyslexic child it is very helpful to use visual reminders. Be sure to tape up some charts, posters, calendars and schedules where the child can see them often.





more freedom to **Explore**

Children with Dyslexia need more understanding, more time to play, more FREEDOM to explore, more quiet moments to think deep thoughts.

They need to collect shells, count stars, catch butterflies, and leave footprints. They need less TV and desk-time, and more conversation, less entertainment and more of interaction!



live in the real World

If your child plays videos games
be very careful. Parents should
not to depend on videos games as a
primary form of entertainment.



Even learning games and
computers must be used with
caution and limitations. Dyslexic
children need to live in the real
world, not a virtual world.



Easily **Distracted**

Dyslexics are easily distracted and enjoy a lot of movement. Don't worry if the child needs to take breaks, hum, doodle, or wiggle a bit.



Be sensitive to the environment when the child is trying to read or do schoolwork. Make sure the child has a quiet place to study whenever possible.



Brilliant and Creative

Some teachers and relatives may accuse the child (and parents) of being lazy, uncooperative, or indifferent. They just don't understand dyslexia.

Remember that each child has a very unique way of seeing the world. Dyslexic children are intelligent, but they struggle with reading and writing.



Bored and Discouraged

In traditional classrooms, dyslexic children are often left feeling dumb, bored, and discouraged. Some teaching methods work against the child's natural learning processes.



Adopt new methods of helping dyslexic children. Your student needs immediate help that only loving parents and creative teachers can provide.



Spend Time **Together**

Parents need to slow down. Don't be so busy! Enjoy life with your child. Read together. Take time for art, hobbies, board games, baking, projects and creative play.



Dyslexic children learn best by following your example and watching everything you do. They love to copy the people around them.



I Ideas for **raveling**

When you are traveling bring books, maps, coloring supplies, activity books and playing cards. Read to your child along the way and talk about the views and places you are passing through.



Many parents let kids play with video game devices to pass the hours, the time spent traveling is valuable it doesn't need to be wasted.



Understanding Dyslexia

Your student may be creative, bright and inquisitive but can still struggle with basic READING, SPELLING or HANDWRITING skills.

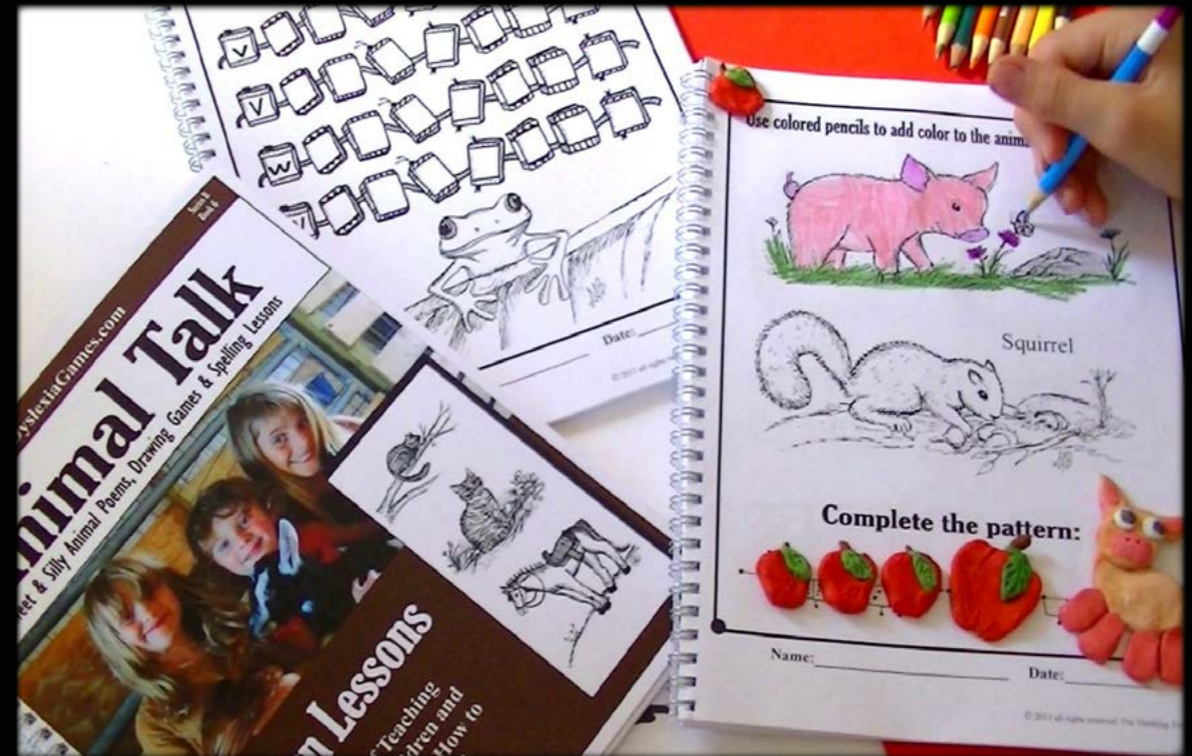
Throughout history we discover that people with symptoms of Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism and Asperger's have become some of the world's greatest artists, thinkers, inventors and scientists!

Their ability to think outside the box is a powerful tool that allows them to overcome their weaknesses and become exceptional individuals who have a habit of changing the world. All they need is your support, love and encouragement as you give them the keys to unlock the door to literacy.

Tricking the Brain

One very effective method of overcoming problems that are associated with dyslexia is to use a fun therapy called Dyslexia Games. The interesting games secretly trick the child's brain into processing written language correctly. The key of this therapy is to train the strongest part of the child's mind to take over the work of reading and writing. Dyslexia Games is designed to engage your child's curiosity while using art and logic to teach reading, writing and spelling.

The goal is for your student to become familiar with the shapes of the letters and to begin using letters and words in a creative setting that is not confusing to the dyslexic mind. Once the child's mind begins to process symbols and letters correctly the games become more complex. Over time the amount of art decreases as the amount of reading and writing increases. Before long the student is able to begin reading and writing without letter reversals and confusion. The process normally takes twenty to thirty minutes a day for two to four months. The parent or teacher simply needs to provide a few Dyslexia Games worksheets and a smooth black pen or marker not a pencil. Kids can work independently. This affordable program can be purchased online at DyslexiaGames.com.

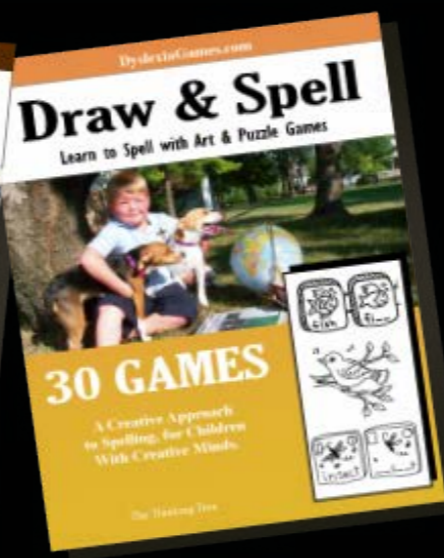
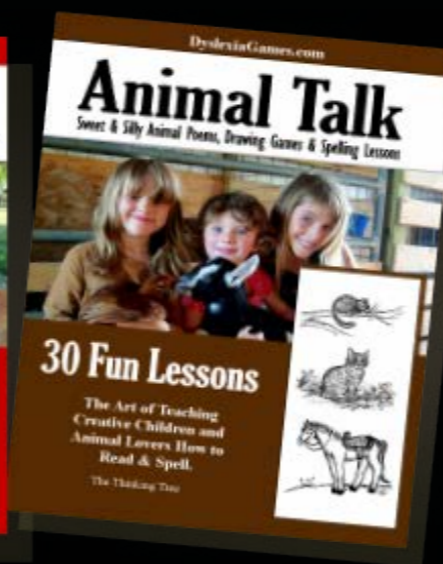




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