

Written expression disorder

makes writing hard.

People with this learning difference may have great ideas but struggle to put them into writing. Their work is often disorganized and has lots of grammar and punctuation mistakes.

is common.

Experts think as many as 1 in 6 people have written expression disorder. It often co-occurs with other learning and thinking differences like dyslexia and ADHD.

is often overlooked.

Signs of written expression disorder often go unnoticed or get ignored because people assume someone is just “bad at writing.” With the right teaching and tools, writing can improve.

 **Written expression disorder isn't a problem of intelligence or messy handwriting.**

Trouble areas

- ▶ Slow writing and typing
- ▶ Sentences that don't make sense
- ▶ Basic grammar mistakes
- ▶ Misused words
- ▶ Disorganized essays
- ▶ Writing that seems incomplete
- ▶ Missing facts and details
- ▶ Avoiding writing tasks
- ▶ Not knowing where to start

Ways to help

1. Graphic organizers or mind-mapping software to help organize thoughts
2. Free tools that check grammar and punctuation
3. Alternatives to written reports, like video or oral presentations