Common classroom accommodations for dyslexia

Explore these common classroom accommodations for dyslexia.

They can help kids at school — and even at home.

Classroom materials and routines

- Post visual schedules and read them out loud.
- Provide colored strips or bookmarks to help focus on a line of text.
- Hand out letter and number strips.
- Use large-print text for worksheets.
- Use audiobooks.
- Allow the student to use text-to-speech software.
- Use speech-to-text software to help with writing.
- Have "hi-lo" books on hand.
- · Give extra time for reading and writing.
- Use reading buddies during work time.
- · Give multiple opportunities to read the same text.
- · Have students partner up for studying.

Introducing new concepts

- · Pre-teach new concepts and vocabulary.
- Provide typed notes or an outline of the lesson.
- · Give advance organizers.
- Provide a glossary of content-related terms.
- Use visual or auditory support for lecture material.

Giving instructions

- Give step-by-step directions and read written instructions out loud.
- · Simplify directions using keywords.
- Highlight keywords and ideas on worksheets.
- · Check in with the student often.
- Show examples of correct and completed work.
- Provide a rubric of a successful assignment.
- Help the student break tasks into smaller steps.
- Give self-monitoring checklists.
- Arrange worksheet problems from easy to hard.

Completing tests and assignments

- Grade the student on content, not things like spelling or reading fluency.
- · Allow different ways to show understanding.
- Allow different ways to respond to test questions.
- · Give extra time for taking tests.
- Set up a quiet room for test-taking.

