

Signs of a Reading Problem

What Are the Signs of a Reading Problem?

A child with a reading problem may display one or more of these issues:

- Inserts extra letters in a word when reading. For example, may read *tail* as *trail*. The misread word often has the same beginning and ending letter.
- Makes up part of the story based on the illustrations or context clues instead of reading the actual words on the page.
- Substitutes words with similar meanings when reading stories. For example, may read *said* instead of *shouted*.
- **Skips small words** such as *a*, *the*, *to*, *of*, *were*, and *from*.
- Sounds out every word on the page, even if he has already read them.
- Doesn't know the sounds of the letters.
- Oral reading is choppy rather than fluent and smooth.
- Reads words in the wrong order.
- May recognize a word on a one page, but not on the next page.
- **Guesses at words** instead of sounding them out.
- Lacks the skill to sound out unfamiliar words.
- Substitutes similar-looking words, such as *house* for *horse*.
- Ignores punctuation when reading.
- Loses place on the page, skips lines, or rereads lines.
- Displays poor reading comprehension.
- Has a difficult time reading single words on a flash card.
- **Resists reading**. It's a natural tendency for children to avoid what they aren't skilled at.

What Causes Reading Problems?

- Kids with **auditory processing disorder** often have problems learning to read.
- **Dyslexia** is a common reading and spelling disability.
- **Vision problems** can cause reading issues. Work with your pediatric ophthalmologist to rule out vision problems such as far-sightedness or convergence insufficiency disorder.

- Other causes of reading problems include **autism** and **poor working memory**.
- **Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)** can also cause reading problems.

Is It Possible That It's *Not* a Reading Problem?

- There may be **gaps in learning**.
- Child may need systematic instruction.
- Some young children just may not be ready to read yet.
- Some children need time—and repetition and **review**—to be successful.
- Some kids have a **low frustration tolerance**.

Resources for Children with Reading Problems

All About Reading Program – contains everything your student needs to become a fluent reader for life.

The Power of the Orton-Gillingham Approach – the powerful approach behind the *All About Reading* program.

10 Tips for Reaching Your Struggling Learner – these tips will help you reach your special needs child.

How to Solve Letter Reversal Problems – help for children who struggle with letter reversal issues.

Learning Ally – provides audiobooks to help dyslexic, blind, and visually impaired children.

Testimonies from Real Moms

Failure is Not an Option – Marie Rippel's personal story.

All About Reading and Dyslexia – Marianne shares her story about teaching seven children with dyslexia.

How All About Spelling Saved My Dyslexic Son – Heather shares how her son's learning was transformed with *All About Spelling*.

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