Dyslexia Indication Checklist

The following checklist is a lightweight version of a proper dyslexia evaluation. It will help you start to get a general idea of your child’s learning profile and should be followed with a professional assessment if needed.

DOES YOUR CHILD …
1. Show mixed handedness, doing some activities righty and others lefty? ___
2. Mispronounce unfamiliar words when reading them aloud? ___
3. Come up with reasons to not to read something, especially aloud? ___
4. Tend to learn by talking to people or watching media rather than by reading with his eyes? ___
5. Have problems memorizing a series of numbers? ___
6. Have any extended family members that have been identified as dyslexic or as having a "Learning Disability"? ___
7. Frequently lose his or her place or skip lines when eye reading? ___
8. Sometimes forget how to spell short words he or she knows how to use? ___
9. Confuse words that sound similar such as maggot and magnet? ___
10. Use and understand complex words that he would be unable to spell? ___

For each “yes” answer, award one point.

0-3 points: Consult NCLD checklist to explore other profiles

4-10 points: Dyslexia possible; consult NCLD checklist and then discuss with teacher

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