

# DYSLEXIA and OTHER READING PROBLEMS

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*"He's seven and a half years old, and still can't read!  
Will he 'grow into' reading if I give more time?" concerned homeschool mom*

## I. Visual Processing Gate Blocked

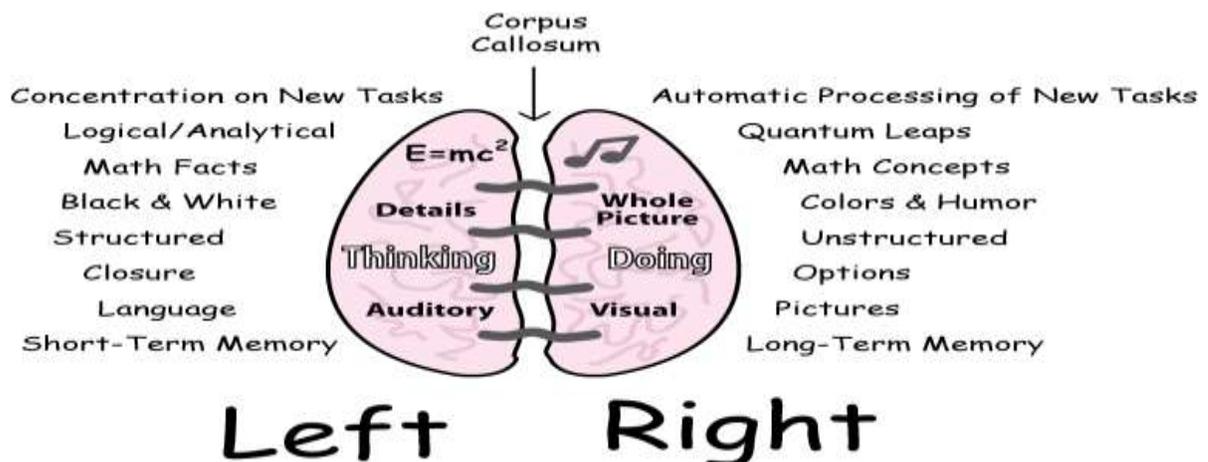
1. Reading reversals after age 7 (on=no, was=saw, of=to)
  2. Oral reading starts smooth, but becomes more labored
  3. Yawning shortly after reading begins
  4. Smart kids who don't want to read (due to eye fatigue)
- (Correction: 1. Brain Integration – midline - Therapy; or 2. Vision Therapy)*

## II. Auditory Processing Gate Blocked

1. Phonics sounds don't stick
  2. Sight words hard to memorize (sounds out all words)
  3. Spelling rules hard to remember
  4. Easily misunderstands verbal information
  5. Guesses at long words frequently (forgets words he just sounded out)
  6. Can't remember multiplication facts, difficulty saying months in order
- (Correction: 1. Right Brain Teaching Strategies; 2. Brain Integration – midline - Therapy; 3. Essential Fatty Acids and Lecithin)*

*It's important to do TWO STEPS: CORRECT and BYPASS*

<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>BYPASS</u>
Mid-Line Therapy	Reading
*Daily midline exercises	*Intensive Phonics (with color & pictures)
*Once a week Brain Trainings to Visual and Auditory Processing	20 min/day; 4 days a week
*Increase brain connections	*Right Brain Sight Words for quick learning



## The Four Reading Components:

### **1. Eye Tracking Ability**

One very basic component to smooth, easy reading, is the ability of the eyes to work together as a team while moving from left to right without any stops, wanderings (saccades), or reversals.

### **2. Sight Word Memorization Skills**

Use the Right Brain teaching method to make Sight Words painless. Imbed the meaning of the word on the Sight Word, using color, emotion and story. Teach 5 new words each week. Review picture word each day. Kids love this method because they can remember the Sight Words so well...they usually can spell them too, because they have such a good picture in their head.

### **3. Phonics Skills**

Use Right Brain phonics methods to help the sounds stick. Imbed the letter or phonics sound on the picture that gives that sound. Practice reading long words with the decoding unit in color for 20 minutes each day. Always keep the phonics cards with the picture in front of the child when doing this. No writing. No testing. No phonics games needed. Then use a phonetic reader with the child to practice reading aloud that does not introduce Sight Words quickly, or introduce new sounds too quickly. This way the child experiences success. Before the child reads out of a reader, do Pre-Reading. This involves picking out all the “tricky” words in a story that you think your child will trip up on. Write these words out in colored marker on a page. Then practice reading these words before the child reads the story.

### **4. Reading Comprehension Skills**

Not all children need this step. If your child can read on level, but consistently does not remember what he/she reads, then do this exercise with him until this gets easier. Help the child convert words into mental pictures for greater comprehension and retention by a fifteen-minute daily training. Have the child look up while the parent reads a passage. Stop after each sentence or two, and ask the child about his/her mental picture. If none, then describe your own picture until this becomes easier.

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