



Empowering Your Child with Dyslexia: A Parent's Guide to Success.

Supporting a child with dyslexia begins with understanding their unique needs and strengths.

Advocating at School: Ensuring Your Child's Success

- **Collaborate with Educators for Tailored Plans:** Engage in collaborative efforts with teachers and specialists to develop an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan that aligns with your child's unique needs. The goals set in the IEP act as the driving force behind the services your child will receive. It's vital to ensure these goals are both realistic and measurable, as they serve as a clear roadmap to support your child's educational progress.
- **Secure Vital Accommodations:** Forge a close partnership with your child's school to secure essential accommodations and support. These accommodations may include extra time on tests and access to assistive technology. Remember that accommodations facilitate a student's access to educational content and the successful completion of assigned tasks. Importantly, they do not alter the curriculum but instead remove barriers to learning, ensuring your child has an equitable educational experience.
- **Collaboration for Success:** Recognize that teachers are dedicated to your child's success and share the common goal of helping them achieve their educational objectives. Feel free to voice your concerns or questions while always respecting their professionalism. Maintaining open and regular communication with your child's teachers and specialists enables collaborative monitoring of progress on set goals and provides an opportunity to address any concerns that may arise. Your active involvement is pivotal in ensuring the best possible support for your child's education.

Life at Home: Supporting Your Child with Dyslexia

- **Provide a Nurturing Environment:** Understand that your child may come home from school feeling tired and stressed due to their hard work in class. Create a warm and supportive home environment that encourages reading, learning, and confidence-building, helping them unwind and regain their energy.
- **Establish Structure and Routine:** Children with dyslexia may encounter challenges related to organization and memory. Establish a structured routine at home and guide your child in breaking tasks into smaller, manageable steps.
- **Read Together:** Cultivate a cozy reading environment and read with your child. This practice not only enriches their vocabulary and background knowledge but also enhances comprehension. For older students, consider introducing audiobooks as an additional tool to ensure they continue to expand their vocabulary and knowledge alongside their peers.
- **Empower Independence:** Encourage your child to take ownership of their learning and advocate for their needs as they grow.
- **Set Realistic Expectations:** Recognize that progress may be gradual. Set attainable expectations and remain patient on your child's journey to success.

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