

What happens when you go to a dyslexic screening?

Your screening/assessment will probably last between 1–2 hours. The screenings are nothing to be worried about and the tests are not there to catch you out, there is also no pass or fail on the tests. They are only there to test your ability and to see where you can be helped to achieve your full potential.

When you go along to a dyslexia screening you will meet someone who specialises in Dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

He/she will ask you about your concerns and what you think you struggle with and how this effects you day to day. They will also ask you questions such as:

- Do you struggle to tell your Left and Right?
- Do you know the alphabet/order of the Months/days of the week?
- Do you Struggle to read out loud?
- Do you struggle to remember important dates/appointments?
- Do you think /have you been told that your handwriting is unreadable?

What tests might I be doing?

You will do a number of tests throughout your screening/assessment. These will included:

- Asking you to read out loud a number of paragraphs. Then the assessor will ask you a number of questions regarding the paragraph you just read.
- Spellings test starting out as 2–3 letter words then getting harder and harder. If you do start to really struggle then they will probably stop you.
- Giving you about 5–10 minutes to write something on a subject– maybe about yourself.
- The assessor reads out some numbers and you say them back to him/ her in the order that you think you heard them e.g. they say 3,5,7 and

you would repeat 3,5,7 They will get more and more numbers every time with different sequences then they may ask you to repeat the numbers they say but backwards e.g. They say 3,5,7 and you would say 7,5,3.

- The assessor will say a celebrity name e.g. "Katie Price" you must swap the "K" and the "P" around to make it "Patie Krice" but in your head without a pen and paper to help you.
- You could be asked to read a list of "Nonsense" words. You may/may not be timed.
- You could be asked to read out a list of words as fast as you can within a minute– getting harder and harder as you get down the list.

You may even be asked to do a series of tests on the computer, Some of the tests maybe:

- Lucid Rapid – For Children aged 4 to 15 years
- Dyslexia Screener Digital– For Children aged 5–16 years
- LADS – For Adults aged 16 and over

After your screening/Assessment your assessor will write up a full report of their findings and will arrange another date with you to discuss what they have discovered and what could help you. For example: if you qualify for extra time/a reader in exams.

Websites:

Lucid Rapid – Dyslexia Screening: http://www.lucid-research.com/sales/esales.htm?category_id=31&product_id=184

Dyslexia Screener Digital: <http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/dyslexia-screener-digital>

LADS: Lucid Adult Dyslexica Screening: http://www.lucid-research.com/sales/esales.htm?category_id=31&product_id=185