

Dyslexia in Adults Fact File No.3

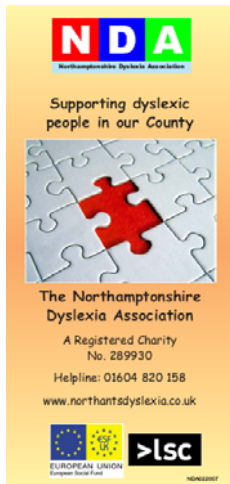
Screening and Assessment for Dyslexia

After completing the Adult Dyslexia Checklist you may want to be assessed in more detail and depth.

Some reasons for getting an assessment:

- To see whether you are dyslexic or not.
- To help your understanding of your strengths and weaknesses.
- In order to get specialist teaching and support.
- In order to get special provision in exams.
- In order to assess workplace needs.
- To assess your difficulties and get support in further education.
- To get support, exam provision and to qualify for disabled students' allowance.

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Screening

Screening tests are more in depth than checklists. Some are computer-based tests. They should be able to identify any weak areas and also strengths. Some specialist dyslexia teachers offer screening tests. These can be arranged through the Northants Dyslexia Association.

A screening test can take about an hour. Costs vary. Screening tests are less expensive, but not as detailed as a full assessment.

After screening there should be enough information to identify the support that is needed or to recommend further assessment.

Assessment

- Full assessments are carried out by specialist teachers or psychologists.
- They are more detailed and in depth than a screening test. All assessments include a variety of tests.
- There are no right or wrong answers. The assessor is trying to build up a picture of how you think and process information.



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- Assessments are usually more expensive than screening tests.
- Psychologists are able to use some tests that specialist teachers cannot.
- An assessment looks at cognitive abilities e.g. memory, perception, as well as literacy.
- Assessments can include recommendations for the workplace, if necessary. The assessor should be able to advise on reasonable adjustments in the workplace.
- The assessor will give full feed back on all the strengths and weaknesses of the person assessed.
- A full written report will be given.