Comprehensive Curriculum Guide

Understanding Dyslexia

[Book] Dyslexia 101: Truths, Myths, and What Really Works

[Book] What is Dyslexia? A Parent's Guide to Teaching Kids About Dyslexia. This book is unique because it covers strengths that are unique to people with dyslexia.

[Online Course] Understanding Dyslexia: Online parent course. Learn what dyslexia is and how it affects learning in a 1-hour video course.

Reading Resources

Orton-Gillingham Reading Programs Designed to be Used by Parents at Home

All About Reading & Spelling
Logic of English
Reading Horizons Elevate
Barton Reading & Spelling

Read a complete review and comparison of each of these programs to determine which is the best fit for your family.

Reading Comprehension Resources

The Comprehension Toolkit (Stephanie Harvey) – Explicit teaching of comprehension strategies.

Visualizing and Verbalizing **(Lindamood-Bell)** – Strengthens comprehension through imagery.

Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then

Reading A-Z

Thinking Maps

Teaching Sight Words

SnapWords – Uses visual mnemonics to help with sight word retention.

High-Frequency Word Mapping (by Equipped for Reading Success) – Uses phonemic awareness and structured literacy approaches to teach sight words.

See to Spell - A research-based method for teaching sight words using color, story, and images.

Watch this video that illustrates how to teach sight words in a multi-sensory way without a specialized curriculum.

Grammar Resources

My first choice is Daily Grams for short, daily review. Start at Level 3 when your child can read independently. Other programs listed have been recommended by other parents homeschooling kids with dyslexia.

Daily Grams: Short, daily review of practical, everyday grammar topics.

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) – Fix It! Grammar
Why it's great for dyslexia: Uses incremental, bite-sized lessons, and students learn grammar in context by editing a short story over time.
Multisensory approach: Incorporates visual cues, repetition, and hands-on learning.

Logic of English – Essentials Program
This program is a complete Orton-Gillingham reading program for older students that explicitly teaches phonograms, spelling rules, and grammar with a multi-sensory approach..

Shurley English
Uses jingles, chants, and repetitive exercises to reinforce grammar concepts. The rhythmic nature of the program helps students with memory and retention.

Winston Grammar
Uses color-coded cards and hands-on activities to teach parts of speech that encourages kinesthetic learning by allowing students to manipulate sentence elements.

First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind
Provides scripted lessons that guide parents in direct instruction using a multisensory approach that includes oral discussions, memorization, and narration.

Spelling Resources

All About Spelling – A highly structured, Orton-Gillingham-based program that incorporates hands-on learning, phonics, and explicit instruction. This is the only Orton-Gillingham reading and spelling program that separates reading and spelling.

Logic of English Essentials – Combines phonics, spelling, and grammar in a multi-sensory way, designed to meet the needs of dyslexic learners.

Barton Reading & Spelling System – An intensive Orton-Gillingham-based program that includes explicit spelling instruction.

Spelling You See – Focuses on visual memory and contextual learning rather than rote memorization.

Sequential Spelling – Teaches spelling by breaking words into syllables and sound units. It offers six levels of books and online activities for different ages and abilities.

Nessy Spelling Strategy – An interactive online program designed specifically for dyslexic learners.

Writing and Composition Resources

Essentials in Writing: https://essentialsinwriting.com/
Jump In Writing:
https://www.rainbowresource.com/jump-in-a-workbook-for-reluctant-and-eager-writers
Write at Home: https://www.writeathome.com/
Write by the Numbers: https://writebynumber.com/
Think RSRD: https://thinksrsd.com/
The Writing Revolution: https://www.thewritingrevolution.org/

Sources for audiobooks

Learning Ally : Learning Ally is a nonprofit organization that provides audiobooks and other reading support services for students with dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning differences.

Free Audiobook Sources:

LibriVox – A volunteer-driven platform offering free audiobooks of public domain works.

Project Gutenberg – While primarily an ebook site, it offers some free audiobooks (both human-read and computer-generated).

Loyal Books – Free audiobooks and eBooks from the public domain, formerly known as Books Should Be Free.

Open Culture – A collection of free audiobooks, including classics and educational materials.

Spotify – Some classic and public domain audiobooks are available for free (with ads).

YouTube – Many free audiobooks can be found uploaded by different users.

Lit2Go – A free online collection of classic literature with MP3 downloads and PDFs.

Paid Audiobook Sources:

Audible – Amazon's premium audiobook service with a vast library, subscriptions, and exclusive content.

Google Play Books – Allows you to purchase audiobooks without a subscription.

Apple Books – Audiobooks for iOS users, available for one-time purchases.

Kobo Audiobooks – Offers both a subscription model and individual audiobook purchases.

Scribd – A subscription-based service providing access to audiobooks, eBooks, and magazines.

Audiobooks.com – Offers a subscription service similar to Audible with a variety of audiobooks.

Tutoring Resources

How and When to Hire a Dyslexia Tutor

Math Resources

[Article] How to Teach Math Facts to Kids with Dyslexia

[Download] Multiplication Fact Chart

[Download] Math Factor Chart (life-changing)

Math Curricula

Math U See

Teaching Textbooks

Learn Math Fast

Life of Fred

Right Start

Shiller Math

Dennison Math: Beginning with Pre-Algebra

Other Helpful Math Resources

Ronit Bird

Chris Woodin

Made for Math

Math Review Resources

Web-Based Games & Platforms

Prodigy Math (Grades 1-8) – RPG-style game that adapts to student levels

Math Playground – Wide range of interactive math games for different topics

Cool Math Games – Logic-based and arithmetic games for elementary students

Khan Academy Kids – Free interactive math lessons for early learners

SplashLearn – Engaging and adaptive learning platform for PreK-5

ABCya! – Fun and interactive games focusing on math and logic

IXL Math – Comprehensive skill-building with immediate feedback

Mobile & Tablet Apps

Monster Math (iOS, Android) – Story-driven math practice

Todo Math – Focuses on early math concepts (Pre-K to 2nd grade)

Marble Math Junior – Problem-solving with mazes and arithmetic

Math Bingo – Fun bingo-style math game for different operations

Sushi Monster – Helps with addition and multiplication fluency

NumberBlocks: World – Based on the popular TV show, reinforcing number sense

Physical Games for Math Practice

Board & Card Games

Sum Swamp – Addition and subtraction adventure game

Math Dice Junior – Quick-thinking math game using dice

Shut the Box – Simple game reinforcing number operations

Proof! Math Game – Card game that encourages mental math

Tiny Polka Dot – Fun number sense game for younger kids

24 Game – Mental math challenge involving operations to reach 24

Prime Climb – Color-coded board game to reinforce multiplication, division, and prime numbers

Hands-On Math Activities & Manipulatives

Dominoes – Using for addition, multiplication, and pattern recognition

Flashcards & War Games – Basic fact fluency (e.g., "Multiplication War")

Lego Math – Counting, arrays, and basic multiplication

Hopscotch Math – Solving problems by hopping to answers

Tangrams & Pattern Blocks – Geometry and spatial reasoning practice

History Resources

Veritas Press Self-Paced History
Online, interactive video-based courses that uses engaging storytelling, visuals, and quizzes to reinforce concepts. Includes audio read along options.

Drive Thru History
Video-based curriculum with study guides that has engaging storytelling and high-quality visuals. Many people like this because of the entertaining host and documentary-style videos.

Story of the World (Susan Wise Bauer)
Audiobook and textbook with optional activity book that includes hands-on activities, timelines, and map work.

Layers of Learning
Unit study approach with video and audio recommendations that includes hands-on, multisensory activities that engage different learning styles.

Science Resources

Dyslexia-friendly science curriculum: Complete curriculum

Science Shepherd
Video-based curriculum with worksheets and optional textbook that requires minimal reading and has clear video instruction.

Apologia Science
Includes textbook, audiobooks, and video lessons that allow students to listen to the material rather than struggle with reading. Hands-on experiments with kits available.

Generation Genius
Engaging science videos, quizzes, and interactive activities with short, engaging videos with closed captions and clear explanations that help reinforce concepts visually and auditorily.

Real Science 4 Kids
Textbooks with bright illustrations, lab kits, and optional audio support. Uses simplified language and strong visual reinforcement.

The Good and the Beautiful Science
Textbook with video supplements with an open-and-go format, engaging visuals, and hands-on activities

Hands-on Science Resources

General Science & STEM
MEL Science Kits – Subscription-based kits with VR lessons and advanced experiments.
KiwiCo Eureka Crates – Monthly STEM projects for pre-teens.
Thames & Kosmos Physics Pro – In-depth physics experiments.

Biology & Life Sciences
Ooze Labs Biology Lab – More advanced than elementary biology experiments.
National Geographic Microscope & Biology Kit – With higher magnification for real scientific observation.
Dissection Kits (Frog, Squid, Owl Pellets) – Great for hands-on biology learning.

Chemistry
Thames & Kosmos Chem C1000 – A solid introduction to chemistry with lab tools.
National Geographic Mega Chemistry Kit – 45+ chemistry experiments.

Physics & Engineering

Snap Circuits Pro – Advanced circuit-building projects.
K'NEX Education STEM Explorations Kits – Focused on engineering and mechanics.
Smart Circuits Games & Gadgets Electronics Lab – Lets kids create functioning electronic projects.

Earth Science & Astronomy
GeoCentral Break Your Own Geodes Kit – Hands-on rock and mineral exploration.
Thames & Kosmos Crystal Growing Kit – More advanced than the elementary version.
National Geographic Space Exploration Kit – Includes a projector and hands-on activities.
NASA Lunar Telescope for Kids – Great for beginner stargazing.

Time Management & Organization Resources

Executive Function Course: I use time management and organization strategies from this online parent course every day in my home full of kids with dyslexia and ADHD!

The ADHD Intensive: A 6-module, online parent course from Homeschooling With Dyslexia that is similar to my Middle and Highschool Masterclasses but specifically for helping kids with ADHD. *Includes free access to the Executive Function Course above.*

In addition to calendars, task timers like Time Stream can help kids get better at judging how much time each task will take, and let them know when it's time to move on to something new.