# Learning Materials That Support Children With DYSLEXIA



A practical guide for teachers and parents

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## DYSLEXIA: A Practical Guide

#### **Understanding Dyslexia**

Dyslexia is an information-processing condition that can affect a person's ability to read, write and spell. Children with dyslexia may have difficulty with skills such as sounding out words, recognizing sight-words and identifying rhyming sounds. This can in turn affect children's ability to expand their vocabulary and comprehend what they read.

#### **Every Child Is Unique**

Dyslexia affects people in varying degrees, and children who have been diagnosed with dyslexia each have a unique set of skills, strengths and needs. Studies show that early detection and an individualized approach to education can have significant impacts on the future literacy of a child with dyslexia.

#### **Simple Ways to Support Development**

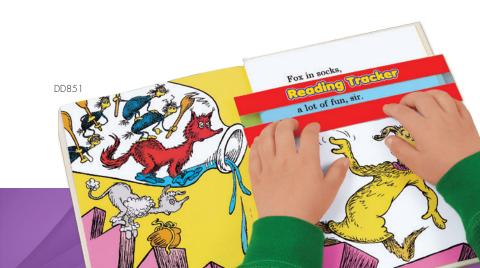
There are simple, everyday steps that parents, teachers and caregivers can take to support children with dyslexia.

- Read to children often—pointing to words as you read them and encourage children to read with a partner to boost fluency.
- Use technology for audio-visual reading experiences, such as read-along CDs and software that narrate texts word for word.

- Use multisensory tools to build word recognition, such as having children trace words with their fingers or look in a mirror while sounding out words.
- Incorporate visual aids into learning, such as highlighter strips or pointers that spotlight letters, words and important information.
- Present new information in logical, step-by-step order, starting with very basic information and gradually adding on.
- Use graphic organizers to help children organize information and increase comprehension.

#### **About This Brochure**

This brochure provides suggested materials that target the needs of many children with dyslexia. Find our full selection of items for children with dyslexia at **LakeshoreLearning.com/Dyslexia**.



Stack & Build Phonics Flip Books

- Provides practice with breaking words down into individual sounds and manipulating those sounds
- Increases children's ability to associate individual sounds with their corresponding letters



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### Change-A-Sound Flip Books

- Children isolate beginning, middle and ending sounds, strengthening auditory discrimination
- Books illustrate in a highly visual, hands-on way that changing a sound changes a word's meaning
- Rounded, distraction-free font and proper spacing between letters help children focus

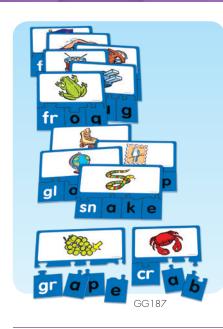




### Pop & Match Games

- Game cards encourage children to focus on individual phonics sounds—increasing their ability to read and spell
- Picture clues help children sound out words—and make it easier to commit them to memory
- High-interest game play incorporates visual, tactile and motion-oriented components for multifaceted learning that captivates children's attention





### Sound-It-Out Blends Puzzles

- Puzzle pieces provide practice isolating sounds and blending them together to sound out words
- Children sound out individual letters that make up common blends, rather than skipping over letters as they read
- Easy-to-recognize pictures help children associate words with objects so they can learn and remember each one



 Lets children listen to themselves talk, allowing them to hear the individual sounds in words

 Assists during oral reading providing multisensory audiovisual reinforcement

 Can be used to help children segment words into sounds or syllables as they write





### Sight-Word Puzzles - Level 1

- Provides practice with 20 of the most frequently encountered sight-words
- Sensory representations including touchable puzzle pieces—make it easier for learners to add new sight-words to their vocabulary

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### Flip & Read Sight-Word Sentences

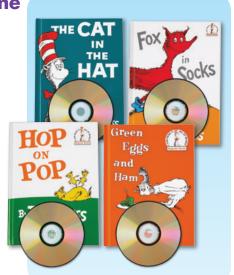
 Allows children to combine sight-words to build sentences, helping them use and read sight-words in context

 Provides the repetitive practice needed to commit sight-words to memory—a skill that is often challenging for children with dyslexia



### Listen, Read & Rhyme with Dr. Seuss

- Four books come with CDs that allow children to hear text being read as they follow along with the printed words
- Set provides simultaneous audio-visual reinforcement that can benefit many children with dyslexia
- Playful text stimulates a love of reading and provides a fun context for exploring word patterns and sounds



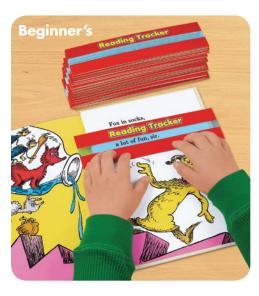
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### Main Idea High-Interest Intervention Reading Folders



- Magazine-style stories and graphics captivate children's interest and provide motivation to read
- Before-, during- and afterreading activities guide children through each text in logical, step-by-step order
- Graphic organizers on the back of each folder help organize information as children read, boosting comprehension

### Beginner's & Intermediate Reading Trackers



- Helps children focus on one line of text at a time so they are not overwhelmed by large passages of text
- Each beginner's tracker has a transparent acetate window that's ½" tall perfect for highlighting large print

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- Can be used by parents and teachers to call attention to essential information within a text, making it easier for children to focus on important details
- Intermediate trackers are ideal for tracking slightly smaller text—with a tinted yellow window that's ¼" high



### **Nonfiction Sequence & Write Tiles**



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- Picture tiles help children organize ideas before starting a writing project
- Visual clues on the tiles allow children to graphically represent what they plan to write about
- Word banks on the backs of the tiles show children how to spell key words they can use in their writing

### **Hands-On Regrouping Kit - Addition**

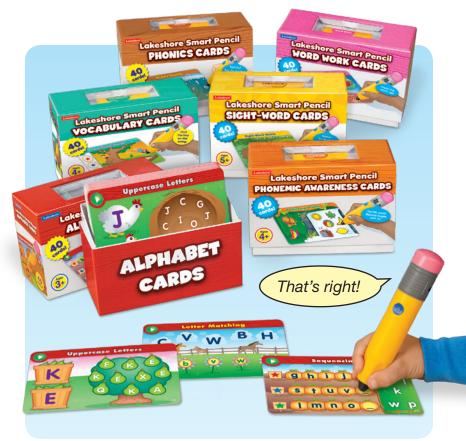
 Assists children with visualspatial difficulties by providing organizational tools that make computations easier to perform

- Each place value is color-coded on the problem cards, activity tray and number tiles helping children focus
- Hands-on tiles and an activity tray provide a multisensory learning experience



#### **Smart Pencil and Interactive Learning Cards**

- Smart Pencil narrates the activities, providing audio support
- The audio experience also provides multisensory learning that can assist many children with dyslexia
- Smart Pencil instantly tells children if they answered correctly, providing immediate reinforcement and allowing children to self-check



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