

What is Dyslexia?

From Basic Facts About Dyslexia: What Everyone Ought to Know

Dyslexia is difficulty with language. For people with dyslexia, intelligence is not the problem. The problem is language. They may have difficulty with reading, spelling, understanding language they hear, or expressing themselves clearly in speaking or writing. An unexpected gap exists between their potential for learning and their school achievement.

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Letter reversal is not the major criterion in identification of dyslexia. The major defining characteristic of dyslexia is a specific deficit in the processing of phonological information. In other words, the dyslexic has particular difficulty in breaking the symbol-sound code of the language-in understanding the alphabetic principal.