



AGES 8+ | DYSLEXIA ASSESSMENT

Dyslexia Assessment

Pre-Assessment Checklist

A simple list of the forms, checks and preparation needed before your 3 to 4 hour diagnostic dyslexia assessment.

What you need next

- 1 Book an eye test**
We need confirmation of an eye test within the last year before we can assess.
- 2 Return your forms**
Pre-assessment forms, and school forms too if the assessment is for a child.
- 3 Set up your space**
A quiet room, a reliable connection, and paper and a pencil to hand.
- 4 Plan the day**
Breaks are built in, and a parent or carer stays nearby for children.

A REASSURANCE FROM OUR TEAM

This is not a test that can be passed or failed. Your report is APC registered, so one assessment carries through school, college, university and into work.



Dyslexia Pre-Assessment Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything in place before your 3 to 4 hour assessment.

This checklist is for the online dyslexia assessment. If you have a face-to-face appointment in Colchester, we will send you specific arrival instructions. Face-to-face appointments run every 8 weeks and book quickly.

Before you book

- ☐ I have had a free screening conversation with Sensational Minds and confirmed a dyslexia assessment is the right pathway.
- ☐ I understand the assessment is for ages 8 and over. The person being assessed is at least 8 years old.
- ☐ I know that no GP or professional referral is required for a dyslexia assessment.
- ☐ I have checked that the assessment fee (£650) and payment plan options are clear.

Forms and information to complete

- ☐ I have completed and returned the pre-assessment forms sent by Sensational Minds.
- ☐ If the assessment is for a child, I have arranged for the school forms to be completed and returned.
- ☐ I have gathered background information about education history, literacy development and any previous support.
- ☐ I have confirmed that the person being assessed has had an eye test within the last year.
- ☐ I have shared any previous reports, letters or assessments that may be relevant.

Preparing for the online assessment

Most dyslexia assessments take place online over Microsoft Teams. Please make sure the following are ready on the day:

- ☐ A quiet, private space with minimal interruptions for the full 3 to 4 hour session.
- ☐ A reliable internet connection and a device with a working camera and microphone.
- ☐ A piece of paper and a pencil to hand for parts of the assessment.
- ☐ For children, a parent or carer is present in the background throughout the session.
- ☐ Water and any comfort items nearby, with regular breaks built into the session.



On the day

- ☐ I understand this is not a test that can be passed or failed.
- ☐ I know breaks will be offered whenever they are needed.
- ☐ I understand the assessor may ask about reading, spelling, writing, memory and processing.

After the assessment

- ☐ I know the full written APC-registered report will arrive within 4 to 6 weeks.
- ☐ I know a feedback conversation will be offered to talk through the findings.
- ☐ I understand the report can be used for exam access arrangements, Disabled Students' Allowance and workplace adjustments.

Notes and questions

Write any questions or notes below and bring them to your screening call or assessment.

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