

# Bright Solutions for Dyslexia Newsletter

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## Phonological Awareness Is...

**Phonological Awareness** is the ability to hear sounds that make up words in spoken language. It includes:

- *Recognizing words that rhyme*
- *Deciding whether words begin or end with the same sounds*
- *Understanding that sounds can be manipulated to create new words*
- *Separating words into their individual sounds*

Studies show that **poor phonological awareness** in preschool and kindergarten is a **predictor** of later reading problems.

[www.ddia.net](http://www.ddia.net)



This is why all children should be screened for phonemic awareness the first day of kindergarten.

There are 7 phonemic awareness skills a child needs BEFORE letters are introduced -- or else letters will always confuse them.

To see those those 7 phonemic awareness skills, [click here](#).

Thank you, Decoding Dyslexia - Iowa, for this graphic.

My Son Is Excelling

**Free On-Line  
Dyslexia Summit**

Send me a list of:

**Certified Barton  
Tutors**

**Screeners and  
Testers**

My son is excelling  
by Gy and Cynthia Kern

When you catch dyslexia early, children catch up  
faster -- as this parent shares:

My son Nicholas is in second grade at a private school. We took him out of the public school system when they failed to identify his dyslexia -- even though the public school in our town is one of the best in our state.

We had him tested privately. He has moderate dyslexia. They recommended we tutor him using the Barton Reading & Spelling System.

Nicholas is about to start Level 4 in your system. His reading grade was a C in the first quarter, went to a B in the second quarter, and in the last quarter, he got an A.

My son is excelling in the Barton System. He is even volunteering to read to his classmates.

**My son is excelling**

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He is about to start Level 4 of the Barton System. His reading grade has gone from a C to an A.

He even volunteers to read to his classmates.

We are very proud of our son's success.

-Gy and Cynthia Kern, parents  
Batesville, IN

[www.BartonReading.com](http://www.BartonReading.com)



**Barton**  
Reading & Spelling System

We are very proud of our son's success. Your system has been critical for that success.

Gy and Cynthia Kern, parents  
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To listen to this, or to share it, [click here](#).

**Congratulations, Summer**

Congratulations, Summer  
From Summer's mom

I have to share this huge accomplishment for my daughter, Summer. She has won the Boston public library poetry contest (for her age group) with a poem she wrote about her struggles with dyslexia.

This poem gets me every time I read it. It's a good reminder that we all learn differently, and that it's ok.

I am sure it is the first of many big accomplishments for her.

Summer Santry age 9

#### What Dyslexia Sounds Like

It sounds like my second grade teacher's grouchy voice telling me "You should know how to spell this word by now."

It sounds like kids talking about Harry Potter fighting Voldemort, but I can't read that yet.

It sounds like my heart sinking when my teacher calls on me.

It sounds like the echo of a basket ball bouncing on the court at recess while I'm stuck inside finishing my spelling test.

It sounds like my teacher telling me " Stop staring into space".

Now that I'm getting help for my Dyslexia it sounds totally different.

It sounds like my third grade teacher asking the class " What do you want to be better at by the end of the year?"

It sounds like me hearing all about the famous people who have dyslexia, like Walt Disney.

It sounds like my teacher using funny voices while reading Harry Potter to my class.

It sounds like all the butterflies in my stomach went away because I'm not worried I'll be the last one to finish.

Dyslexia doesn't sound so horrible anymore.

**ADHD Is Not...**

*ADHD is not a learned behavior.  
ADHD is not a discipline problem.  
ADHD is not a spoiled child.  
ADHD is not a temper tantrum.  
ADHD is not a choice.  
ADHD is not “the easy way out”.*

*ADHD is a medical condition.  
ADHD is a chemical imbalance.  
ADHD is a big deal.  
ADHD is a battle for self confidence.  
ADHD is a fight to maintain focus.  
ADHD is a war between brain & body.  
ADHD is real.*

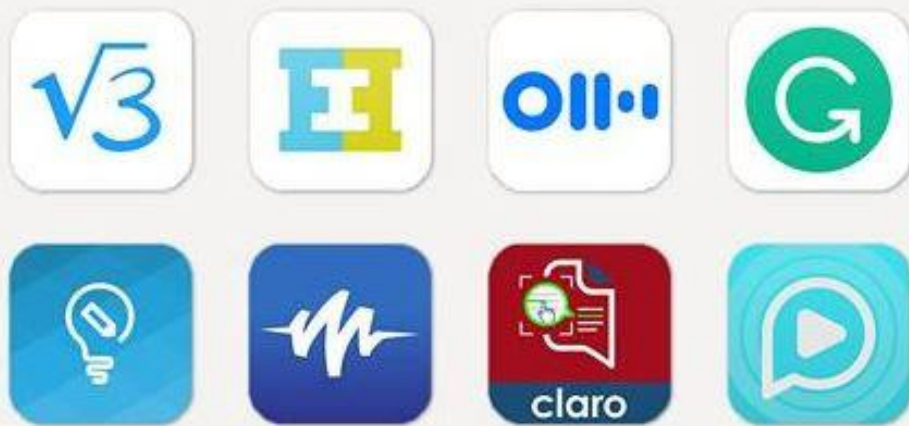
#TRUTHABOUTADHD

Many kids with dyslexia also have ADHD. To learn the difference, watch my 10-minute video chat called [ADD, Dyslexia, or Both?](#)

### 8 New Apps

8 New Apps I Recommend  
for Kids With Learning and Attention Issues  
by Jamie Martin

Please note that because these apps are new (they came out in the past year), many are only available for iPads.



## 8 New Apps I Recommend for Kids With Learning and Attention Issues

Assistive technology expert Jamie Martin has spent hours trying out new apps so you don't have to. Here are 8 new apps he recommends for kids with learning and...

[UNDERSTOOD.ORG](http://UNDERSTOOD.ORG)

## Free On-Line Dyslexia Summit

Free On-Line Parent Dyslexia Summit  
Hosted by Cigdem Knebel

Watch six great speakers, ranging from Susan Barton and Gibby Booth to attorney Robert Thurston and school psychologist Maria Toggia.



2018 Spring Summit - Support for Parents