

Interventions that help:

- Emphasize visuals whenever possible
 - Record using screencast-o-matic.com
 - Use video, if available
- Consider text-to-speech software (and speech-to-text - Dragon)
- Be careful and considerate with written instructions
 - Give visual cues
 - Pictures of tasks (create associations, such as, “When you see this picture, it means...”)
 - Highlight key words in instructions
- Demonstrations, field trips, hands-on
- High-quality picture books (DK, Peachtree, Usborne, and more)
- Allow typing
- Guided notetaking
- Circle, rather than fill-in-the-blank, on assignments
- Deconstruct academic vocabulary, emphasizing meaning based on roots, prefixes, and suffixes

Resources worth having:

- Ashley productions full page reading guides
- See-N-Read Reading Tool (document and/or book sized)
- Learning Loft Eye Lighter Colored Overlays for Reading
- Starting Blocks One Finger Spacer
- allaboutlearningpress.com/phonogram-sounds-app

Things that will cause issues:

- Copying from the board or screen
- Listening and taking notes
- Reading aloud
- Lengthy reading passages
- Busy text/screen

Things to know about dyslexia reading methods:

- The Orton-Gillingham approach - not a method, but other methods like Lindamood-Bell are based on it.
 - multisensory
 - sequential
 - incremental
 - cumulative
 - individualized
 - based on phonograms
 - explicit

In this approach, there is an emphasis on why words sound and are spelled they way they are (so can be particularly good for gifted).

- Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes – in addition to seeing reading as series of sequential, discrete skills, also uses imagery, emphasis on making picture in mind to aid comprehension. Very expensive, as one-on-one in sessions up to 4 hours.
- Wilson

Recorded book resources:

1. Learning Ally (learningally.org)

800.221.1098 | Rhea Thompson – rthompson@learningally.org

Learning Ally has a special arrangement with Texas, and all schools (public and charter) can use it for free for all students with qualifying condition (visual impairment, learning disability, physical disability). The principal opts the school in and an “assigned certifier” on the campus identifies qualifying students.

2. Bookshare (bookshare.org)

Similar to Learning Ally, Bookshare provides audiobooks to students with qualifying disabilities. To get started, follow this step-by-step guide:

<http://bit.ly/bookshare-start>

3. Storyline Online (storylineonline.net)

Celebrities read fabulous and wonderfully illustrated books aloud. It’s free, and open to anyone. Truly wonderful site, especially for ELL students who need someone to read to them in English.

Assistive Tech webinar for students: bit.ly/at-dyslexia



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