

Dysgraphia:

What You're Seeing in Your Grade-Schooler

Grade-schoolers might run into writing problems, including issues with spelling and handwriting. Find out why these could be signs of dysgraphia.

Spells Poorly

At home:

Your child has trouble spelling familiar words in a basic note he leaves you.

At school:

Your child will spell the same word differently, even on the same page.

The issue:

Kids with dysgraphia often struggle with the mechanics of writing, including spelling.

Has Messy Handwriting

At home:

Your child's writing is so sloppy that he often can't read back what he wrote.

At school:

Your child's papers are filled with erasures or cross-outs.

The issue:

Kids with dysgraphia can struggle with spatial skills, such as lining up letters and using proper spacing between words.

Has Difficulty Putting Words on Paper

At home:

Your child complains that he can't think of what to write for his assignment.

At school:

Your child uses vague words or repeats the same words over and over in sentences.

The issue:

Kids with dysgraphia can have trouble processing language, which can make writing tasks seem overwhelming.

Misuses Punctuation and Capitalization

At home:

Your child often mixes capital and lowercase letters in the middle of words.

At school:

Your child is in fifth grade and still omits periods and question marks from sentences.

The issue:

Kids with dysgraphia can have trouble with working memory. Remembering the rules of language can be difficult.

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- Learn the next steps to take if you're concerned your child might have dysgraphia.
 - Explore answers to common questions parents have about dysgraphia.
 - Get expert tips on how to help kids with dysgraphia.
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