How dyspraxic is my child?

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Do any of these common symptoms sound familiar? Some or all of these symptoms may be present. Tick the statements that apply to your child.

**In nursery school**

* Often bumps into people and things
* Has trouble learning to jump and skip
* Is slow to develop left or right-hand dominance
* Often drops objects or has difficulty holding them
* Has trouble grasping pencils and writing or drawing
* Has difficulty negotiating buttons, press studs, laces and zips
* Speaks slowly or doesn’t enunciate words
* Has trouble speaking at the right speed, volume and pitch
* Struggles to play and interact with other children

**In primary school**

* Tries to avoid sports or gym
* Takes a long time to write, due to difficulty gripping pencil and forming letters
* Has trouble moving objects from one place to another, e.g. pieces on a game board
* Struggles with games and activities that require hand-eye coordination
* Has trouble following instructions and remembering them
* Finds it difficult to stand for a long time because of weak muscle tone

**In secondary school**

* Has trouble with sports that involve jumping and cycling
* Tends to fall and trip; bumps into things and people
* May talk continuously and repeat things
* May forget and lose things
* Has trouble picking up on nonverbal signals from others