



Handout for our video  
**Dyslexia: Testing & Teaching**

### **Why Test?**

Until you know *why* a student is struggling with reading, writing, or spelling, you won't know the best way to help that student.

### **Screening Test for Dyslexia that can be given at age 5 1/2:**

Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing (often referred to as the "C-TOP").

There is one version for 5 and 6 year olds, and a separate version for 7 to 21 year olds.

You get *both* versions when you order the test.

Order from: Pro-Ed Books & Supplies in Austin, TX, 800-897-3202 or 512-451-3246, [www.proedinc.com](http://www.proedinc.com)

Their part number for CTOPP is 8930.

### **Psycho-linguistic Assessment:**

Recommended if you disagree with the public school's testing results and feel your child should qualify for special education services,

OR

If you have a child with *many* school difficulties, who only matches a *few* of the symptoms of dyslexia, and you suspect he may have *other* issues, including attentional issues.

Find a Neuropsychologist who specializes in learning disabilities.

The Neuropsychologist will perform a comprehensive battery of tests to determine how a child is processing information and language.

### **Informal Screening:**

Recommended if you are *not* trying to get special education services,

AND

If you have a child who matches *most* of the symptoms of dyslexia.

Find an expert in dyslexia, who is trained to give the following tests: a Phonemic Awareness test, a Slingerland screening, an oral reading test (to check for speed and accuracy), a spelling test, and perhaps a sight word reading test. The expert should also obtain a short writing sample and examine samples of school work.

[www.dys-add.com](http://www.dys-add.com)

## Where to Find These Independent Professionals?

Contact a private school for dyslexic students in your area.

These organizations can provide names of private schools or neuropsychologists in your area:

The International Dyslexia Association, 800-ABCD-123 or 410-296-0232, [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

The Learning Disability Association, 412-341-1515, [www.ldanatl.org](http://www.ldanatl.org)

Parent Training Center, [www.taalliance.org/PTIs.htm](http://www.taalliance.org/PTIs.htm), scroll down a bit and click on your state.

## To Learn about IEP's and 504 Plans

### Books:

*The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for your Special Ed Child*,  
Nolo Press, 800-992-6656, [www.nolo.com](http://www.nolo.com)

### Web Sites:

*The IEP Process*, [www.ldonline.org/ld\\_indepth/iep/iep\\_process.html](http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/iep/iep_process.html)

*Understanding the Special Education Process, An Overview for Parents*

[www.ldonline.org/ld\\_indepth/special\\_education/sped\\_overview.html](http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/special_education/sped_overview.html)

For Legal Advice or Advocacy:

[www.specialedlaw.net](http://www.specialedlaw.net), [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com), [www.copaa.com](http://www.copaa.com), [www.reedmartin.com](http://www.reedmartin.com)

### Videos:

*Legal IEP's: A Common Sense Approach* by Barbara Bateman, 888-232-7733

## Description of an Orton-Gillingham system for an IEP:

Independent scientific, replicated research supports the use of a reading and spelling system that is simultaneously multisensory, systematic, and cumulative with direct and explicit instruction in both synthetic and analytic phonics with intense practice.

Links to the research can be found on our website, [www.dys-add.com](http://www.dys-add.com), on the Teaching That Works page.

## Well-known Orton-Gillingham Systems:

### Slingerland

Slingerland Institute, WA, 425-453-1190, [www.slingerland.org](http://www.slingerland.org)

### Barton Reading & Spelling System

Bright Solutions for Dyslexia, CA, 408-559-3652, [www.BartonReading.com](http://www.BartonReading.com)

### Project READ

Language Circle, MN, 800-450-0343, [www.ProjectRead.com](http://www.ProjectRead.com)

### Alphabetic Phonics

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 214-559-7800, published by EPS, [www.epsbooks.com](http://www.epsbooks.com)

### MTA

Edmar Educational Services, TX, 972-564-5005, published by EPS, [www.epsbooks.com](http://www.epsbooks.com)

### Wilson Reading System

Wilson Language Training Corp, MA, 800-899-845, [www.WilsonLanguage.com](http://www.WilsonLanguage.com)

### The Herman Method

Romar Publications, CA, 818-784-9566, [www.HermanMethod.com](http://www.HermanMethod.com)

### Language!

Sopris West, CO, 800-547-6747, [www.language-usa.net](http://www.language-usa.net)