

Questions to Ask a Potential Evaluator

- How do you define dyslexia? What does it mean to you?
- What are some of the tests you will use?
- Do you give the types of tests needed to tell dyslexia apart from a general specific learning disability?
- Do you use the term dyslexia, if that is what your testing finds?
- Can you tell me what you know about phonological awareness - a common skill deficit in dyslexia?
- Can you tell me what you know about rapid naming - a common skill deficit in dyslexia?
- Where did you get trained to evaluate for dyslexia?
- Do you take health insurance? What are the billing codes you use? (Asking for specific insurance codes may allow you to check with your insurance company about whether the testing is covered.)
- If I do not use health insurance, what do you charge for an evaluation?
- What is the process like? How long will it take?
- Will you provide a written report as part of your fee? What will be in that report?
- Will you meet with us when the testing is done and explain the results?
- Are you familiar with 504 plans? If appropriate, will you recommend specific accommodations for my child?
- Will you meet with my child's teacher/s and explain the results? Is that included in your fee? If not, what is the charge?
- Can you provide me with a list of references - parents who have hired you to test their child?