



# *Guided Reading Activities for Children with Dyslexia*

## **1. Letter Art**

Students with dyslexia often benefit from visual aides while learning to read and recognize letters. Assign a letter for your students to paint or draw—maybe a letter they’ve had trouble writing or one they often mistake for a different letter. Encourage them to make it as colorful and creative as they want. Once they’ve finished, have them share their art with the class.

For older students who already have their letters down, try having them paint vocabulary words or drawing illustrations to go through commonly mistaken words.

## **2. Storytime Rhymes**

Rhyming is one of the best phonological awareness activities because it helps students with dyslexia learn letter-sound connections. Try reading a picture book with plenty of rhymes to your students. After each rhyming pair, brainstorm other words that rhyme to encourage students to practice phonological awareness on their own.

## **3. Building Words with Magnets**

Many students with dyslexia benefit from tactile activities so they can rely on more than just words on a page while learning to read. Hand out alphabet magnets as well as a magnetic board to your students and have them build simple words with the magnets to give them a visual and tactile reference for different letters.

## **4. Phonemic Awareness Name Game**

Another common symptom of dyslexia is issues with phonemic awareness, or the ability to identify specific sounds in words. For this activity, have your students gather in a circle. Choose a student’s name and sound it out one syllable at a time while clapping in-between syllables. Then, have the class repeat the student’s name together in the same way.

Go around and repeat this activity with every child’s name in your class. Once your students get the hang of it, try playing this game with vocabulary words.

## **5. Online Reading Activities**

There are a variety of online reading games that are made for students with dyslexia or early learners in general. Plan computer lab sessions with your students to play online reading games and strengthen literacy skills in a non-stressful environment. Some reading programs can even adapt to focus on a student’s academic weaknesses, which can help students with dyslexia practice skills that they need to improve the most.