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WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

A person with dyslexia may:





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WHY GET A DIAGNOSIS?

Any higher education provider or employer has a legal requirement to make reasonable adjustments to assist you. These can include:

- Giving you instructions verbally, rather than in writing
- Allowing you extra time for tasks you find particularly difficult
- Providing you with information in formats you find accessible
- Providing you with assistance technology, such as digital recorders or speech-to-text software
- Extra time in formal examinations

Higher education students can also apply for support in the form of IT equipment, e.g. a laptop, microphone and headset, software, e.g. for note taking, speech recognition, mind mapping and other assistive software, as well as a dedicated, weekly session with a study skills tutor, all of which can greatly help you achieve your best result.

HOW TO GET A DIAGNOSIS

- Contact the HE Disability Team at HEDisability@southdevon.ac.uk or on **01803 530728**, and we can arrange an assessment with one of our external assessors
- The assessment will cost £350 if you are in receipt of student finance, or eligible to be
- If you are an apprentice, there is no cost to you as an external apprentice learner fund will cover the fee
- A diagnosis will last for all your years of study and for the whole of your working life

