

Possible Signs of Learning Disorders

Comprehension: Weaknesses

- Not interested in listening to stories, audio tapes, songs and a variety of listening activities
- Experiences difficulty distinguishing between similar sounds
- Experiences difficulty following directions, especially when it's more than one at a time
- Doesn't enjoy participating in class discussions and rarely raises his/her hand to respond
- Unable to follow oral discussion and take notes

Oral Language: Weaknesses

- Weak articulation skills
- Difficulty with oral language, uses lots of interjections and hesitations (umm, uh, well...
- Weak verbal expression
- Grammar skills are quite weak
- Forgets a lot of words and can't often remember what he/she was going to say
- Weak vocabulary

Reading: Weaknesses

- Confuses words and letters
- Often loses place when reading, requires finger tracking
- Difficulty when silent reading, needs to mouth words or whisper when reading
- Doesn't enjoy reading
- Reluctant Reader
- Reading is slow and deliberate
- Lots of word substitutions, omissions and invented words
- Cannot skim or scan for pertinent information
- Cannot re-tell parts of the story, prediction skills are weak

Math: Weaknesses

- Rarely sequences numbers, equations and formulas appropriately
- Unable to perform 'mental math'
- Computations are usually inaccurate
- Many careless errors, often chooses the wrong operation
- Difficulty understanding mathematical concepts
- Rarely uses mathematical terms appropriately both orally and in written work
- Does not remember the math facts (although today, many children aren't committing the math facts to memory)
- Cannot do mathematical word problems