

DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE MEASURE

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Measure Overview

Dyslexia Knowledge Measure

Please read the following statements about dyslexia carefully. Mark one of the four choices (●) that best represents your opinion.

Item	Definitely True	Possibly True	Possibly False	Definitely False
1. Dyslexia is usually outgrown.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Poor spelling is one symptom of dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Poor instruction is one cause of dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Most individuals with dyslexia are naturally left handed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Students with dyslexia need instruction primarily in reading comprehension strategies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Dyslexia can contribute to low self-esteem.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Phonological awareness is another term for phonics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. If parents read to their children, then their children will likely not develop dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Medication, when taken consistently, can cure dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. More females than males have dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Dyslexia is hereditary.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Having below average intelligence is a common characteristic of individuals with dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Less than 5% of the population has dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. An individual can be diagnosed with both ADHD and dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Dyslexia exists only in English speaking countries.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Most pediatricians perform diagnostic evaluations to determine if a child has dyslexia.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Students with dyslexia learn to read most quickly through the use of decodable, or predictable text.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Students with dyslexia will learn to read most quickly through the use of authentic text.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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21. Students with dyslexia should be taught how to read using a systematic and explicit phonics approach.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Four Knowledge Strands of Dyslexia

- Origins
- Characteristics
- Prevalence
- Instruction and Treatment

4-point Likert-scale

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