

# Issues to Consider with Struggling Readers

## Reading Behaviour and Issues to Consider

### Consistently slow and laboured reading, showing little progression?

#### Issues to Consider?

- Poor phonological awareness
- Poor morphological understanding
- May require a vision test
- Dyslexia
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Auditory Processing issues
- Visual sequential memory difficulties.

### Fragile/ weak decoding strategies: makes limited attempts to 'sound out'

#### Issues to Consider?

- Poor phonological awareness
- Poor morphological understanding
- Dyslexia
- ADHD
- Dyspraxia
- Speech, Language and Communication issues
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Auditory Processing issues
- Working memory challenges

### Difficulty reading text/ erratic eye tracking skills

#### Issues to Consider?

- May require a vision test
- Consult a Behavioural Optometrist or SpLD Orthoptic clinic (free, if available in area)
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- ADHD
- Autism
- Visual sequential memory difficulties

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## Consistently Poor Attentional Skills

### Issues to Consider?

- ADHD
- Autism
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Auditory Processing Skills

## Reading Lacks Fluency

### Issues to Consider?

- Poor phonological awareness
- Poor morphological understanding
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Speech, Language and Communication issues
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Auditory Processing issues

## Low reading age (compared to chronological age)

### Issues to Consider?

- Poor phonological awareness
- Poor morphological understanding
- May Require a Vision Test
- May Require a Hearing Test
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Dyslexia
- ADHD
- Dyspraxia
- Speech, Language and Communication issues
- Auditory Processing issues
- Working memory challenges



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## Difficulty recognising key words

### Issues to Consider?

- Poor morphological understanding
- Visual Processing Difficulties
- Dyslexia
- May Require a Vision Test
- Dysgraphia
- Working memory challenges
- Auditory Processing Difficulties
- Visual sequential memory challenges

## Struggles to reading aloud with appropriate expression

### Issues to Consider?

- Speech, Language and Communication issues
- Dyslexia
- ADHD
- Autism

## Poor comprehension and recall of what has been read

### Issues to Consider?

- Dyslexia
- ADHD
- Dyspraxia
- Speech, Language and Communication issues
- Visual Processing Issues
- Auditory Processing issues
- Working memory challenges
- Autism

## Highly Advanced Reading Ability with an Obsession with Letters and Numbers

### Issues to Consider?

- Hyperlexia
- Autism