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Dysgraphia

Does your child have it?

Dysgraphia (or **agraphia**) is defined as a deficiency in the ability to write, regardless of the ability to read, not due to intellectual impairment.

Often doctors' prescriptions cannot be read, even by the pharmacist. People have actually died because of prescriptions being filled incorrectly!

Pharmacist: "Why don't you learn to write?"

Doctor's reply: "Why don't you learn to read?"

Doctors are often the 'butt' of jokes because of their poor handwriting skills. Someone suggested to me once that prescriptions were purposefully written illegibly so that patients could not read them. Today, however, doctors are being told to improve their handwriting skills or use a computer. Using a computer is a compensation technique for a dysgraphia disability.

Students often do not like to write because of their poor penmanship skills. Our goal for students is to have them print or write (depending on their level) the alphabet within a **two minute** time limit. If students cannot do this they have weak penmanship or alphabet skills.

There is **dyslexic, motor and spatial dysgraphia** if students truly have a learning disability. Students with dyslexic dysgraphia can often copy well but have very poor spelling.

A student with **motor dysgraphia** has poor fine motor skills and finds it difficult to make letters and write longer passages.

A student with **spatial dysgraphia** has a defect in the understanding of space and has illegible written work.

Symptoms of Dysgraphia:

- 1) student mixes up upper and lower case letters
- 2) letters are irregular size and shape
- 3) letters are unfinished
- 4) student has difficulty in classroom writing assignments
- 5) **student is reluctant to or refuses to complete written assignments**
- 6) stress

Solution:

Teach your child to become a beautiful handwriter in both manuscript and cursive letters by doing **Motif Writing**. Your child can avoid being labeled as having a dysgraphia learning disability if you are willing to spend **ten minutes a day** working on the motifs which make up the written cursive and manuscript alphabet.

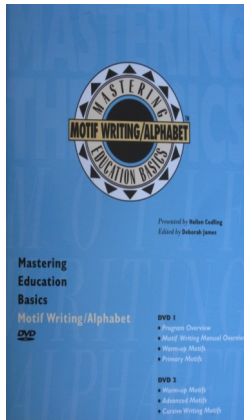


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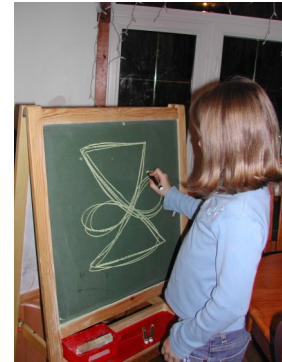
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