

## Where do you get help for a child with Learning Disability?

Rehabilitation involves Speech and Language Therapy, Listening Training, Occupational and Physiotherapy to improve handwriting, reading, spelling, memory, concentration and motor skills.

Early Speech and Language Therapy and Intervention can increase the chances of successful learning in regular school environments later in life.

## Did you know there are types of Learning Disability?

There can be different types of Learning Disability such as:

- **Dyslexia:** Difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters or symbols but that do not affect general intelligence.
- **Dysgraphia:** Writing disorder associated with impaired writing.
- **Dyscalculia:** Difficulty in learning or comprehending arithmetic.

*Early identification of Learning Disability is important for better Rehabilitation.*

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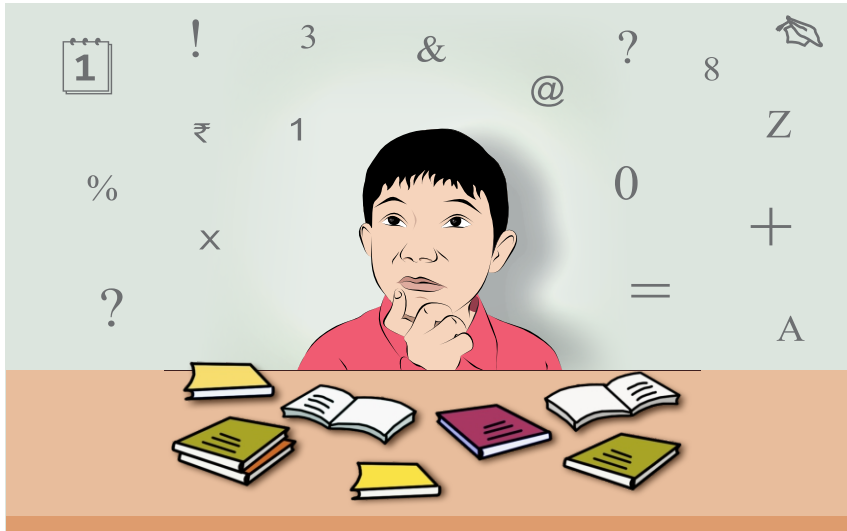
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## What is Learning Disability?

Learning Disability is a condition characterized by significant difficulties in academic skills like learning, reading, writing, reasoning, mathematical problems etc, with *average or above average intelligence*.



## What causes Learning Disability?

The causes for Learning Disability are not well understood but may include

- Heredity - abnormality of genes inherited from parents.
- Problems during pregnancy and birth – these include abnormalities in the developing brain, illness or injury, fetal exposure to alcohol or drugs, low birth weight, oxygen deprivation, or by premature or prolonged labor.



## Is Learning Disability gender specific?

Learning Disability is seen in both boys and girls. However, it is more common in boys when compared to girls.

## How to identify a child as having Learning Disability?

A child with Learning Disability may exhibit one or more of the following features:

- Problems with handwriting, spelling, learning mathematic concepts and organizing ordering numbers (0 onwards in increasing order or decreasing order).
- Difficulty in understanding multiple tasks at a time and shows a relatively stronger ability to learn visually.
- Problems with memory, social skills and time management.
- Difficulty with matching letter combinations to specific sounds (alphabet combinations to sound).
- Difficulty to break up words into their alphabet combinations.
- Mirrored errors/ mirrored writing [eg. 'bat' as 'dat', '69' as '96'].
- Problems with movement and coordination with fine motor skills (eg - cutting, writing).
- Perception difficulties or difficulty recognizing slightest differences in two similar images/objects.
- Confusion of small alphabets and capital letters.

