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It is important to be aware of some of the popular misconceptions and myths surrounding dyslexia and language-based learning disability. We have highlighted some of the more common myths and provided the alternative understanding.

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**Fact:** It is often difficult to get a diagnosis for dyslexia because it is almost impossible to scientifically differentiate it from other learning disabilities, although the warning signs of dyslexia should be monitored and recorded carefully. Often, these types of specialists will use phrases in a written report such as "child has a specific weakness in phonological development" instead of saying "child has dyslexia". Don't give up hope, though! Dyslexia can be recognised and early intervention can help minimise its negative effects.



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**Fact:** Dyslexia is not characterised as a medical problem and is not tested by doctors because they don't have training on reading, writing and spelling testing. There is no pill or medication that can heal dyslexia, and nothing to do with dyslexia is covered by medical insurance because it is not a medical problem.

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