

Finding ways round Dyslexia



Reading for Information

- 1) Read aloud to another person
- 2) Pre-recorded reading (other person or CD, DVD, etc)
- 3) Software for PC to read text, talking books
- 4) Own selected reading (intro, index, special chapters, highlights, summary)
- 5) Photocopy highlights – special words **YELLOW**, characters **BLUE**, Related points **GREEN**
- 6) Take notes, bullet points
- 7) Answer 'test' questions set by others
- 8) Make a Study schedule

Skills for Writing

- Use a writing frame – get help to have a range of frames for different subject areas. Put them on a wall chart or in a booklet (or both).
- Talk through what you want to write.
- Handwrite without worrying about neatness, spelling, grammar or punctuation → ask somebody to edit it for you → make a final copy
- Use Text help and Read'n'Write
- Use a word processor with spellchecker and grammar checkers
- Dictate and have someone else write for you → copy it out yourself using handwriting or pc. Practice!

Use other people in the family and school telling them precisely what you need from them.

Effective Note taking and Memorisation

- Single word lists including symbols
- Mind Mapping
- Mindgenius/Inspiration
- Use others lists/maps
- Dictate using a pocket memo (to listen again and/or make written notes later)
- Obtain lesson synopsis
- Use ACRONYMS
- Use MNEMONICS
- Visualisation of place or journey
- Ask others what info they have taken from the talk/book
- Use humour to fix information

Kit – Small notebooks, coloured pens, highlighters, pocket memo, laptop, post-its, blank paper, audio transcription software (Dragon Naturally Speaking or Spell Q), filing, flashcards, bribes or rewards for friends & family who help you!