

## What should you do?

### Contact the school to:

- better understand what school is like for your child and to share information about your home life
- find ways to work together with the school
- help reassure your child
- encourage your child to develop to their full potential and get them motivated
- find out how to best help with homework

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### Resources outside of school

- Family doctor or pediatrician
- Speech therapist
- Psychologist or neuropsychologist
- Special education teacher
- Social worker

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## Associations

- Learning Disabilities Association of Canada  
[www.ldac-acta.ca](http://www.ldac-acta.ca)
- Montreal Centre for Learning Disabilities  
[www.ldmontreal.ca](http://www.ldmontreal.ca)
- Montreal Fluency Centre  
[www.montrealfluency.com](http://www.montrealfluency.com)



# Detecting learning disabilities in children

# Signs to watch for

Your child:

- doesn't want to go to school or doesn't like school
- doesn't want to do their homework or takes a long time to complete it
- isn't learning new words
- comes home from school more tired than most kids would
- is struggling with their times tables
- is having difficulty reading or writing
- doesn't understand what they read
- often gets into trouble
- avoids school work
- does better in certain subjects
- is failing school

**These signs might indicate a learning difficulty that your child may need to overcome to reach their full potential.**



## Could it be Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?

- Inability to pay attention
  - Inability to get organized
  - Difficulty managing time
  - Forgetfulness
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## Could it be dyslexia or dysorthographia?

- Lack of interest in reading and writing
  - Difficulty learning to read and write
  - Takes longer to complete school work
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## Could it be dysphasia?

- Difficulty understanding jokes
  - Limited vocabulary
  - Difficulty telling stories
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## Could it be autism spectrum disorder (ASD)?

- Preference for playing alone
  - Keen interest in certain topics
  - Trouble communicating
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Learning disabilities may never disappear, but they may improve if you get help from a professional when your child is young. Both you and your child can learn strategies to overcome obstacles you may encounter.

**With the right tools and professional help, everyone can succeed in school!**