



Physical reading tools



Tool Description

This document will give you a few tips on what physical tools your child can use when they read a text. These tools are widely used and have proven to help them focus on the line or word they are reading.

You can adapt the tools to your child's needs and discuss the best solutions with them to make sure they feel comfortable with them.

What is the challenge the tool can solve?

Some Dys students experience a lot of difficulties when confronted to a text, especially when the format is not adapted to their needs. Some learners will have difficulties in staying on the same line when reading, while others will lose track of what they've read.

Their short attention span and short-term memory can also be an issue for them to overcome. Indeed, as they have more difficulties in focusing on what they are reading they will be more likely to forget it.

What are the benefits for Dys persons?

The different tools that we propose here are physical tools that will help students who have trouble keeping their eyes on the line they are reading and those with a low attention-span and short-term memory.

Having a tool that helps them focus on the word, sentence or line that they are reading can greatly help them in understanding the meaning quicker and better remembering what they've read and learnt.

Example of use in daily life

You can adapt the format of the text in many different ways suitable to the Dys' different needs. However, Dys children will also benefit from the following physical tools to ease the process of reading:

Reading Ruler



You can buy one that hides the surrounding text to focus on one line at a time.

You can also buy one model that puts a colored filter on the text to facilitate the reading. It's your child's choice!



Book holder to improve reading comfort:
This book holder will allow your child to adopt a comfortable posture when reading and will allow them to concentrate more easily.



Ruler magnifying glass :
This ruler allows the student to read small characters easier thanks to the incorporated magnifying glass.



Exam Pen Reader: Your child can also use this pen with headphones. The pen will read the text aloud for them, which won't help develop their reading skills but can be valuable when they have to read long guidelines (e.g. exams).