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If you have reached this page you are about to experience why it is important to allow a dyslexic to read using their natural visual processing style rather than phonics based programs.

For this experiment you will need a pen/pencil and paper.

The first step is to put the pen in your non-dominant hand. This means if you use your right hand put the pen/pencil in your left hand and visa versa.

Now, using your non-dominant hand print your full name on the piece of paper and then write you full name.

Did you feel comfortable using your other hand?

Did this require more concentration?

Describe the differences you see?

Describe the difficulties you experienced.

If I recommended printing/writing slower, would that help?

If I recommended changing your pencil grip, would that help?

If I give you coloured paper, would that help?

If I asked you to continue practicing, would that work?

If I asked you to get a tutor to help you practice, would that help?

Would medication help?

Do you think that using your natural dominant hand would be a more practical solution?

Using phonic programs for a dyslexic is similar to forcing you to use your non-dominate hand to print/write. Would you prefer to be forced to use your non-dominate hand or be allowed to use your dominate hand?