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## **Arizona Branch**

### **Suggested questions to ask an evaluator or tester**

#### **IDA DISCLAIMER**

The international Dyslexia Association supports efforts to provide individuals with dyslexia with appropriate instruction and to identify these individuals at an early age. The Association, however, does not endorse any specific program, speaker, product, or instructional material, noting that there are a number of such which present the critical components of instruction as defined by IDA.

If you wish to have your child tested for dyslexia then the best start is to ask their school to arrange testing for him/her. Put this request in writing, and then the school should act on it.

If you have already tried this, and you are not satisfied with the results, and you wish to do this privately, check with your insurance that they will pay for the testing, as some of them will and others will not.

**This list was inspired by the excellent book: *Parenting A Struggling Reader* by Susan L. Hall & Louisa C. Moats\***

1. **How long have you been testing children for dyslexia?**
2. **What is your training for doing this?**
3. **What does the term Dyslexia mean to you?**
4. **Will you use the term Dyslexia in your report? Why or why not?**
5. **What are some of the tests you will use? ( Should include some of these: Gray Oral Reading Test, Test of Word Reading Efficiency, Wechsler Individual Achievement Test, Woodcock Reading Mastery, Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing, Lindamood Auditory Conceptualization Test, Rosner Test of Auditory Analysis Skills; WISC-III)**
6. **What do you charge for testing a child?**
7. **What is the process like? How long will it take?**
8. **Will you meet with us when the testing is done and explain the results?**
9. **Will you be able to refer us to an appropriate and qualified tutor?**
10. **How do you know the tutor is qualified?**
11. **Will you provide a written report as part of your fee? What will be in that report?**
12. **If my child has dyslexia, will your recommendations section be written with legal terminology that will make it easy to get an IEP or 504 Plan?**
13. **Will you meet with my child's teacher(s) and explain the results?**
14. **Is that included in your fee?**
15. **If not, what would you charge?**
16. **Can you provide me some references -- parents who have hired you to test their child?**

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