

Resource design for students
with literacy
difficulties/Dyslexia



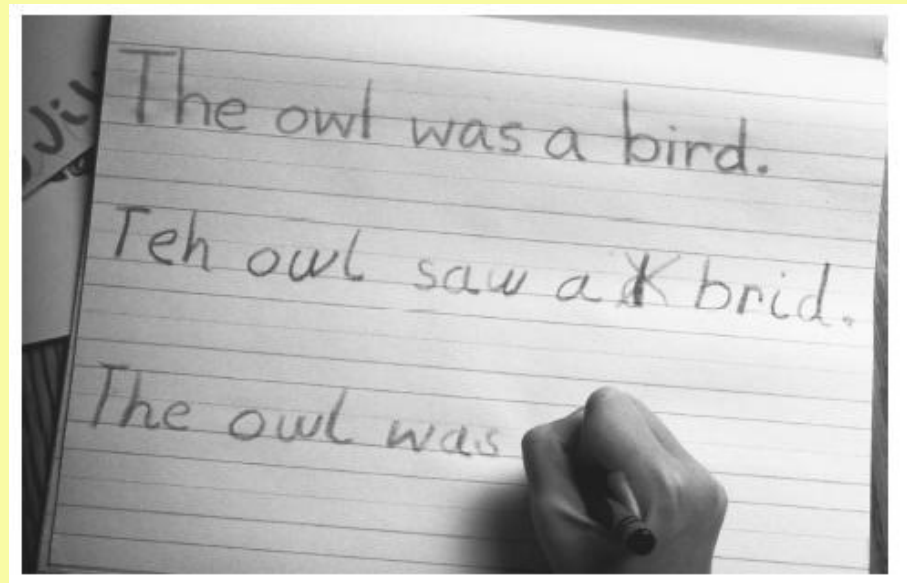
TIPS FOR POWERPOINT DESIGN

Whilst all singing, all dancing PowerPoints look amazing, they are NOT necessarily INCLUSIVE.

1. Contrasting colours, e.g. pink/purple/blue fonts on black backgrounds are very difficult for Dyslexic students to focus on.
2. Use a light coloured background, e.g. pastels with dark fonts such as black or dark blue.
3. Spinning/flashing/animated slides are visually confusing.
4. Busy slides with text, colours and images are also confusing.
5. Information on slides should be 'cut down', e.g. if you want an image to be the focus then show just the image.

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6. Do not use too much text. Dyslexic students find it difficult to read along a line of text on their desk and copy text from the board, e.g. this is enough to read on one slide.
7. Size 24 font for PowerPoints is best, e.g this font is the smallest you should use.



TIPS FOR WORKSHEET DESIGN

1. Do not write worksheets by hand.
2. Use a plain font, no smaller than size 14, possibly Arial or Comic Sans, for worksheets.
3. Highlight question numbers to help student see where a question begins.
4. Use short sentences containing easiest vocabulary possible to cover content.
5. Don't make the worksheet too cluttered.
6. Leave plenty of spacing between lines of text.
7. Use diagrams/drawings where possible.