

Preliminary Diagnostic Test from the Dyscalculia Centre

This is a preliminary diagnostic test which aims to see if an individual is likely to be dyscalculic.

It does not gather enough data to make a complete diagnosis, but it can give an indication of whether dyscalculia is likely to be the explanation for an individual's difficulties with maths.

In each case simply answer "Yes" or "No" or "Not sure". You can do this either by printing out this page, or by having a notebook and writing down the numbers 1 to 16 and next to each one writing one of these three answers

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

There is no time limit, and if you are working with a person who has difficulty reading the text there is no problem with you reading the points out and letting the individual reply.

1. I can see numbers written down clearly, but often copy them down wrongly.

Yes No Not sure

2. Sometimes I can't remember numbers even when I use them quite often – such as the number of a friend's house or my phone number.

Yes No Not sure

3. I seem to find maths much harder than most people in my class.

Yes No Not sure

4. I can't understand what fractions are all about.

Yes No Not sure

5. I have to think hard about a number to decide if it is odd or even.

Yes No Not sure

6. I don't know what percentages mean.

Yes No Not sure

7. I could not work in a shop that handles money because I don't understand change.

Yes No Not sure

8. I seem to be much worse at my times tables than most people in my class.

Yes No Not sure

9. At home and at school I often forget things or leave them lying around where I can't find them.

Yes No Not sure

10. Of all subjects, maths is my least favourite.

Yes No Not sure

11. If I am asked to divide 21 by seven I don't know how to do it.

Yes No Not sure

12. I can get in a bit of a panic when faced by questions involving numbers

Yes No Not sure

13. I find it difficult to copy numbers from a board or a book into my exercise book or onto my computer.

Yes No Not sure

14. I often make mistakes with maths when using a calculator.

Yes No Not sure

15. One of my problems with maths is that I can often forget where I have got to.

Yes No Not sure

Now add up the number of answers of “Yes” in the 15 questions above and write the number down on a piece of paper.

To find out if it is likely that the person taking the Preliminary Dyscalculia Test has dyscalculia, please [click here](#).