

## Dealing with pupils affected with Dyslexia

### - General tips for instruction.

- Make sure the learner is not overloaded with instructions as this causes real problems for those with a weaker working memory.
- Watch out for those with weak spatial awareness or lack of recognition of left and right: – they may need to be told to go 'your way', or 'my way'. Ask the learner how they learn best and follow their preferences.
- For helping an individual to memorize something, get them to suggest a memory peg such as a rhyme or a picture they can visualize, or something very zany; all this helps make the memory more memorable.

### - Driving Tuition: Practical Tips.

- Consider learning on and taking the test in an automatic car. This means that the dyslexic driver can concentrate on other aspects of driving rather than struggle with getting Automaticity on a manual car. The dyslexic driver can learn to use a manually geared car once all the other aspects of road awareness are secure.
- The learner should explain any particular difficulties or preferences to the driving instructor and ways of instruction which may be helpful.
- Before the lesson begins, discuss what the lesson will cover.
- Do not give too many instructions at once: give only one at a time if possible.
- Use colored stickers on the dashboard to indicate left and right.
- Use hand movements to indicate which way to turn.
- Practice off-road or on quiet roads as much as possible so that the dyslexic learner is not distracted by other road users, while getting to grips with basic car handling.
- Use the same route for a while until the driver feels more confident: add new routes a few at a time