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Dyslexia:

Official Definitions Defined:

If it looks like a duck, walks
like a duck, it's probably a
duck.

Or is testing for dyslexia really
necessary?

(from [To Teach a Dyslexic](#),
chapter 24)

Official Definition #1.
According to the World



Hello from the AVKO Educational Research Foundation. Spring is finally here and it's never too early to start thinking about next year's curriculum. If your students are having difficulties learning to read, write, or spell, AVKO has practically everything you need to help them. Much of the help is FREE to AVKO members. For example, the college course, *The Teaching of Reading and Spelling: a Continuum from Kindergarten through College* valued at \$49.95 is free as an e-book. Are you teaching the CVC short vowel words. You can find them all in the new version of *Vol. 1 The Patterns of English Spelling*. The other 9 volumes will be up free for members before the end of the summer.

Need to teach handwriting and the sounds that the letters make? The only book that teaches the PHONICS and the handwriting and keyboarding and reading and spelling AS and NOT AFTER the alphabet is taught. That's *Starting at Square One*. FREE as an e-book to members.

→ Cincinatti Homeschool Convention



Cincinatti hosted the annual Midwest Homeschool Convention this

Federation of Neurology, dyslexia is "a disorder manifested by difficulty in learning to read despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence and sociocultural opportunity."
(sic)

Translated into plain English, this means that if a student isn't dumb and he isn't surrounded by people who hate schools and **if** he goes to school and **if** he gets the "conventional instruction" (Look-see or whole language) and **if** he still has problems reading, it must be that he is a dyslexic.

For other definitions of dyslexia and their translations into plain English visit
http://www.avko.org/Info/dyslexia/what_is_dyslexia.htm

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Join today to start receiving 25% off your purchases and

past weekend. Don McCabe, the research director and founder of AVKO, spoke on "You Don't Have to Have a Master's Degree in Education to Homeschool--Just a Degree in Caring and a Sense of Humor."

→ Upcoming Events

April:

18-19 MACHE (Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators) Duluth, MN

- "Accentuate The Positive, Eliminate The Negative, Don't Mess With Mr. In-Between!"

24-26 LINK Homeschooling Conference, Agoura Hills, CA

- "The Mechanics of English Spelling"

- "Phonics: Most Misunderstood Approach to Teaching Reading"

May:

2-3 INCH (Information Network for Christian Homes) Lansing, MI

- "Using Humor to Teach Reading Comprehension"

- "I Think My Child Is Dyslexic, Does It Matter?"

22-24 Florida Parent Educators Association Conference, Orlando, FL

- "I Think My Child Is Dyslexic, Does It Matter?"

July:

18-25 Alaskan Cruise (www.homeschoolontheseas.com)

- Featured Speaker - Don McCabe

SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE CRUISE! LOOK AT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

Thank you to everyone who is involved with AVKO. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the various events we have planned for the summer and especially on the Alaskan Cruise in July! Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Don McCabe
AVKO Educational Research Foundation

over \$180.00 worth of
E-Books FREE ONLINE:

- (1) Volume 1 of The Patterns of English Spelling with all their Word Families Put in Sentence Context,
- (2) *To Teach a Dyslexic*,
- (3) *The Reading Teacher's List of Over 5,000 Basic Spelling Words*,
- (4) *The Teaching of Reading and Spelling: a Continuum from Kindergarten through College*,
- (5) *Starting at Square One* (A curriculum designed to teach reading and spelling AS (not after) the alphabet is being taught! The best PHONICS approach ever.

**Buy 3,
Get 1
FREE!**

This week only, Student Response books for the Sequential Spelling series are on sale. Be sure you get them in advance so you don't miss your chance to save. Limited to 8 total books per customer (6 paid, 2 free, standard shipping rates apply). To receive the discount, simply type "newsletter" in the message box when ordering online or mention the newsletter coupon if ordering over the phone.

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