

Characteristic	ELL (possible explanations/reasons)	Disability (possible explanations)
1. Omits words or adds words to a sentence		
2. Frequently forgets common words taught from one day to the next		
3. Becomes distracted easily		
4. Cannot commit multiplication facts to memory		
5. Has trouble following directions		
6. Doesn't grasp cause and effect relationships		
7. Doesn't see patterns		
8. Can do rote arithmetic on paper, but he/she can't solve math problems in daily life, such as making change for a dollar		
9. Avoids writing		
10 Poorly organized / Desk a mess		

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11. Doesn't transfer learning from one lesson to another. Has to relearn each concept from scratch		
12. Very literal / Misses inferences, subtleties, nuances and innuendoes		
13. Does not hear fine differences in words, writes <i>pin</i> for <i>pen</i>	-	
14. Forgets names of things that he/she knows. Has to describe them		
15. Often understands concepts but can't do it in written symbolic form with paper and pencil		
16. Freezes when asked to perform on demand		
17. Has limited sight word memory	-	
18. Learns from watching not listening	-	
19. Can't categorize, classify or summarize	-	

20 Can't retell a story in sequence or summarize		
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21. Confuses b,d,p,q. Confuses order of letters in words. Reads <i>was</i> for <i>saw</i>		-
22. Low frustration tolerance. Gives up easily or explodes		
23. Doesn't hear the sequence of sounds in a word and writes isolated parts of it; <i>amil</i> for <i>animal</i>		
24. Has trouble seeing (verbal/visual) similarities and differences		
25. Has handwriting difficulty. Writes very slowly.		
26. Reads without expression	-	