

Support to people with dyslexia works

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Young people with dyslexia have with the right support as good chances to complete a secondary education as other people.

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If you cannot see the difference between b and p. And if the sounds of the letters give you trouble. Then it can be difficult to get through the school system. However, with technical aids and other assistance people with dyslexia can actually perform almost as well as all the other young people in the gymnasium or in a vocational training.

This is shown by the first systematic study of the socio pedagogical support (SPS), which the Evaluation Institute of Denmark has completed for the Ministry of Education.

The study shows that students, who received SPS, have equally as good chances as their classmates to complete a secondary education and to move on in the educational system.

However, they typically get a bit lower scores. But, if you compare it with the academic background, they came from they actually received a greater lift than other students.

In Dyslexia Youth, which is an association for young people with dyslexia, vice-chair Rasmus Madsen nods in recognition to conclusions of the study. As someone with dyslexia, you can be in gymnasium, in HF or a vocational education on almost equal footing with other young people, according to the experience of the association.

If you just have the aids required, and get curriculum within the time you need it, then there are none of those big problems. You can also get a bit of extra time for the written assignments, he says.

'IT-backpack and technological progress

Support for people with dyslexia consists among other things of books getting digitalised and read aloud. A so-called 'IT-backpack' with a computer with special programs and other aids is also a part of the standard support.

And then within recent years, better programs came up, which can read text that is not text in the digital sense – for example on paper or a post on Facebook.

In general the technological development has made the life easier for people with dyslexia.

- You can now dictate to your phone at completely low-practical. This you could not do ten years ago. You can also get your phone to read aloud, Rasmus Madsen tells.

In 2017 there was used approx. 190 million DKK on SPS to 20,000 students in the secondary educations. Of them 72 percent were people with dyslexia, while 16 percent had developmental disorders.

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Facts

- *We do not precisely know, how many people with dyslexia there is in Denmark. But it is estimated that around 7 percent of the population has reading difficulties.*
- *Dyslexia is the most widespread learning disability for children.*
- *It is very likely that dyslexia can be hereditary. It is often seen that people with dyslexia has a person with dyslexia as parent or grandparent.*
- *You cannot get rid of your dyslexia, but the difficulties can be remedied. However, it requires a huge effort in shape of training and education and possibly use of aids.*

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