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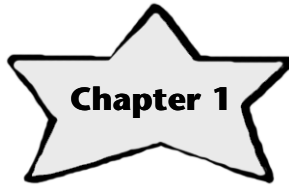
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What Is LD?

People learn in their own ways and at their own speed. Some kids learn to read before they begin school. Others learn to read from their teachers. Some kids may always have a hard time reading. Other kids struggle with spelling or math. Sometimes we say that kids who have trouble learning in school have LD.

What LD Means

When someone has LD, it means that they “learn differently.” Other people say LD means a “learning disability.” We think “learning differently” better describes kids with LD. Kids with LD are able to learn, but they sometimes need to learn some things in different ways. Everyone learns in their own way.

Not all people with LD are the same. Some have only a few problems learning. Some are great in reading but may have problems learning in another area such as math. Many have problems learning everything from writing to math, reading, and spelling. They might even have trouble learning how to make friends.

A few students have a tough time with all of their schoolwork. But they may quickly learn other things like playing the piano, building a model, or using a computer.

Just because kids with LD have problems learning at school does not mean they are dumb. It means they learn differently from other kids.

This book talks about LD in a way you can understand. It answers questions about school, friends, and the future. But most important, it can help you know that you are not alone.

What LD *Does Not* Mean

It may be hard to know what LD means. But everyone agrees on what LD *does not* mean:

- ★ It *does not* mean you are dumb.
- ★ It *does not* mean you are lazy.
- ★ It *does not* mean you cannot learn.
- ★ It *does not* mean you will have a low-paying job when you grow up.

You might wish you did not have LD, but do not let LD stop you from becoming the best person you can be.

Kelly* is a very bright kid who has LD. He has trouble with spelling and writing, but he is one of the best math students in his school.

Sherry is eight years old. She has a hard time adding numbers, but she can read very well. Sherry also has LD.

*"Kelly" is not the real name of the student. In this book, we do not use the real names of people we know. We use made-up names instead, to respect their privacy.

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The Survival Guide for Kids with LD*

What is LD? Why do some kids have LD? Why is it hard for kids with LD to learn? Why do other kids sometimes tease kids with LD? What happens when kids with LD get out of school?

* Learning Differences

If you are a kid with LD, you may have lots of questions like these. This book has many answers. It can help you understand LD better. It can also help you understand yourself better.

Here are some important things you will learn when reading this book:

- ★ Kids with LD can learn. They just learn differently.
- ★ There are many kinds of LD, not just one kind.
- ★ A law called IDEA protects the rights of kids with LD.
- ★ LD teachers know how to help kids with LD.
- ★ You can learn to deal with sad, hurt, angry feelings.
- ★ You can learn what to do when other kids tease you.
- ★ Kids with LD can have friends, just like everyone else.
- ★ Kids with LD are smart!
- ★ Most kids with LD have a hard time in school.
- ★ Most kids with LD grow up to be successful adults.
- ★ Even if you have LD, you can be a winner!

Do you want to know more? Look inside!



P.S. This book was written just for YOU. But when you finish reading it, you might want to share it. Loan it to a friend, parent, or teacher who wants to know more about LD.

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