



If you know or suspect your child has dyslexia, one of the **most important** decisions you will make is hiring the *right* tutor for your child.

Having spent years as a professional tutor of dyslexic children, Susan Barton highly recommends holding a telephone interview with a potential tutor and asking the following questions. No professional tutor will be offended by them, and you'll learn quite a bit.

The following questions were inspired by the list in the book:

“Straight Talk About Reading” by Susan Hall and Louisa Moats

- 1) Please describe your background and training.
- 2) Do you specialize in children with dyslexia? (*If not, think twice about hiring them.*)
- 3) Do you use an Orton-Gillingham system? (*If they don't know what that means, do **NOT** hire them.*)
 - a. Which one?
 - b. Are you certified in that system?
 - c. How long have you used it?
- 4) Do you spend any of the session helping the student with homework, or do you concentrate only on teaching reading and spelling?
- 5) Will I be expected to work with my child at home between sessions?
- 6) Will you interact with my child's school?
- 7) How often will you provide feedback to me on my child's progress?
 - a. And in what format?
- 8) What is your hourly fee?
 - a. What happens if my child must miss a session?
- 9) How many sessions per week do you recommend? (*Twice a week is **MINIMUM** for a dyslexic child.*)
- 10) Would you give me the name and telephone number of several parents of students you are currently tutoring?
- 11) If I like what I hear from those parents, could we schedule a free consultation so that my child and I can meet you and see your office?