

# Tutors for Dyslexia

**Rachel Adkins:** Fully qualified Primary school Teacher - Bachelor of Education degree (Hons); MA in Education specialising in Mathematics Education, Postgraduate Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention for Dyslexia and Literacy; Hornsby Course in Dyslexia and Literacy; Kindermusik Educator

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**Location:** Voorschoten

**About me:** I began teaching in the UK in 1991 and I have 22 years of teaching experience. I have taught in schools in The Netherlands, Oman, Dubai and Norway and I taught Kindermusik for a year whilst in Sakhalin, Russia. I have 7 years of experience working as a Learning Support teacher in 3 different schools. I also have 14 years of class teaching experience across the primary range and I have been a year leader in 2 schools. I work from home with students ages 5-13 with dyslexia, dyscalculia or other learning difficulties, offering tuition on a 1:1 basis in Literacy and Mathematics. To support students in the development of their literacy skills (reading, writing and spelling) I am able to provide specialist structured multisensory programmes and I am qualified to teach using the latest programme from Dyslexia Action, the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP). Each programme is individually planned after an initial placement assessment. Lessons would usually be for one hour, once per week. I am happy to liaise with schools and to offer advice and support to parents. I have a strong interest in using assistive technology and I am able to support the development of study skills.

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**Cecilia Broomans:** Anglo-Dutch Education Services (A.D.E.S.) Fully qualified Primary School Teacher (Bachelor degree); Certificate Remedial Teaching; Masters in Educational Studies, specialisation: Individual Counselling (Orthopedagogic Didactic Direction – ‘Basis-Orthopedagoog’/Remedial Educationalist); Hornsby trained Dyslexia Teacher; FIK-2 Dyslexia Course; Dyslexia Institute Mathematics Programme. Member of several professional organisations, inside and outside of the Netherlands.

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**Location:** Den Haag (easily reached by car or public transport)

**About me:** A.D.E.S. offers diagnostic learning assessments and tuition in Literacy/English, Mathematics and Dutch. Students vary across the age range and include students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

A.D.E.S. aims to bring out the best in every student and helps students to achieve what they want, so that they become confident and believe in themselves.

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**Fiona de Bruin:** Postgraduate Diploma in Special Needs in Education, Certificate in Dyslexia and literacy.

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**Location:** Amsterdam, Het Gooi

**About me:** Since gaining firstly my Postgraduate in Special Educational Needs and then my specialisation in Dyslexia, I have been working in various International and British Schools in The Netherlands. I am now the Team Leader of the Student Support Department at an International School.

Alongside this position I support students, at my home or theirs, with Dyslexia or other Learning Difficulties on a 1:1 basis, from the ages of 5 – 18. I also offer advice and support for parents of students with Special Educational Needs, in The Netherlands.

I work with various multisensory reading and spelling programmes to help Dyslexics with core areas they find challenging. With older students I also work with various programmes helping them to discover their learning styles and using those to develop study skills, this supports them with their essay writing, revision, note taking as well as other techniques needed, within secondary education.

I have also worked with Dutch Dyslexic students in helping their acquisition of English.

I have close contact with the school the student attends to make sure that my programme works well together with the demands of the classroom and that we are working in a complimentary way.

Contact with parents is also of great importance and I can help on an advice basis as well.

**Website:** [acie.nl](http://acie.nl)

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**Erin Fox:** B.S. Education- Mild/ Moderate Special Education; Licensed Educator; Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) in reading

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**About me:** I spent years teaching individuals with various disabilities in the United States. I have experience working with students of ranging ages, and I am certified to work with individuals aged 5-18.

For the three years prior to our recent relocation to the Netherlands, I taught at a school in America that specialized in working with students with dyslexia, learning disabilities, and for some, ADHD. There I collaborated with the students, families, and educational teams to support students in building education, emotional, and social skills in order to succeed both in and out of the classroom. My experiences with these supports are in various settings, including small group and one-to-one.

I am eager to partner with families and student-focused teams, and I look forward to sharing my knowledge of specialized curriculum, support strategies, and resources- including assistive technology.

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**Rachel Grannis Snow:** MPS, Childhood Education & Special Education; Specializing in Language-Based Learning Disabilities .

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**About me:** I spent three years teaching at The Windward School, a prestigious independent school in New York for students with language-based learning disabilities. There, I helped students with dyslexia overcome their challenges by teaching reading and spelling using an Orton-Gillingham-based (phonics) program with a multisensory approach. I used Teaching Basic Writing Skills to teach students specific expository writing skills and taught them to apply those skills to develop one- and multi-paragraph compositions. In addition to teaching at Windward, I have implemented these programs in a one-to-one setting with a wide range of ages. I am a native (U.S.) English speaker, but also speak near-fluent Spanish and basic Dutch.

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**Mart Kerr-Kikkert:**

- Qualified CELTA Teacher Cambridge University BLTC; Primary & Secondary Education in Dutch and English: spelling, reading, writing;
- Dyslexia Coach for ages between 6-18 (including children with special needs like ADD/ADHD/Dyslexia or a Language Disorder)
- English Exam training for Dutch Secondary School students directly tailored to the student's needs
- Individual counseling on a regular weekly base – 1 hour a week in a private practice.

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**About me:**

Mind Your Language is a private practice in which students aged between 6-18 with dyslexia or language disorder get specialized help through explanation and revision of the English spelling system.

Students from the International School also attend Mind Your Language. I use special programs in which all spelling categories get covered. First I test the new student to establish the gaps in their knowledge, then I draw up an individual education plan which we work through, one hour a week. We start by revising the spelling rule which needs to be covered, by explanation, then, for some extra revision, we play a game on the computer to enforce this rule. For Secondary School students it is also possible to get individual coaching for one hour a week. This coaching varies from basic Grammar to training for Dutch VMBO HAVO and VWO exams.

At Mind Your Language we work with several different methods, to keep the student motivated and interested.

**Website:** [www.mindyourlanguage.nl](http://www.mindyourlanguage.nl)

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**Ruth Lampitt:** Fully qualified Primary school Teacher - Bachelor of Arts degree (Hons) in English and Cultural Studies; PGCE for ages 5-11, Postgraduate Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention for Dyslexia and Literacy; CELTA.

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**Location:** Rotterdam/Breda area

**About me:** After qualifying as a primary school teacher, I taught in the UK and at international schools in Ecuador, Turkey, Germany and the Netherlands for 12 years. Helping every child succeed in reading and writing is a passion that led me to complete the Dyslexia Action Professional Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention for Dyslexia and Literacy. I now offer bespoke 1:1 literacy tutoring using the multi-sensory strategies of the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme. I provide 45 minute lessons 2 days a week in student homes in and around Rotterdam and Breda.

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**Sheona McEwan:** Bsc (Hons) Psychology, PGCE Primary Education, M.Ed. Special Needs Education, and M.Ed. School Counselling.

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**About me:** I have been working with students with special needs since studying psychology in university. I have since then worked in early intervention, as a primary school teacher, a special needs teacher and as an elementary school counsellor. I work with children aged 5 and up - those with dyslexia and also with other diagnosis (such as ADHD, dyscalculia, or a language disorder). I work in reading, writing, spelling, math and study skills. In addition, I can support learning the general curriculum (aged 5 - 18) focussing on organisational skills, planning and study skills. I usually work with the schools liaising closely to make sure the support is directly tailored to school success. I can also provide school related counselling (bullying, friendship, self esteem issues).

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**Location:** Benoordenhout, Den Haag.

**About me:** UK trained teacher of primary years (5-11 years) with 25 years of international experience. Also I am a qualified Literacy and Dyslexia specialist offering tuition /remediation/ study skills. I tutor students with literacy difficulties, most experienced with 7-13 years age group but I will also work with older students and adults.

# Maths and Physics tutor

**John Ma:** Bachelor of Science (Physics and Theoretical Physics, Australian National University)

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**Location:** Usually at the child's home.

**About me:** I studied Physics and Theoretical Physics at the Australian National University (as a National Undergraduate Scholar) and so am competent at teaching Physics and Mathematics up to an advanced university level and other sciences to a finishing high school level. However, I also did a Masters in Violin Performance, and this is my "day job", I am a violinist... and so from time to time, my schedule can get a little tricky especially if I am travelling. Anyway, what will usually happen, is that I will try and find a regular weekly time for you, and then before the start of each month I will send the advance availability for that regular time, and in addition, a list of extra or replacement times that are possible for the coming month.

# Dramatherapy

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**Location:** Rijnsburg, but can travel to child's home or school.

**About me:** Annabelle is a British trained Dramatherapist who works closely with the international community within the Netherlands. Annabelle is a UK and Dutch registered Dramatherapist (Master of Arts Dramatherapy). She is passionate about working with children with Dyslexia. She offers an empathic and personal approach as she has dyslexia herself.

Dramatherapy is a unique form of psychotherapy in which creativity is the central position in therapy. There is evidence that difficulties with reading and writing related to dyslexia can cause children to develop low self-esteem and anxiety issues. Dramatherapy offers a creative approach to help children overcome these difficulties whilst developing creative coping strategies.

**Website:** [www.ared.typepad.com](http://www.ared.typepad.com)

# **Child Psychologist**

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**Location:** Zuid-Holland, working at client's homes, schools or using flexible office space in The Hague or Leiden.

**About me:** Being Dutch myself, I came in touch with the international lifestyle during my Bachelor's degree at an internationally oriented college in the Netherlands. A few years later I was asked to work with an expat child and out of interest I started my own practice for expat children. I have several years of experience in working with young children and their parents, supporting their needs using behaviour techniques or skills training. Expat Child Psychology offers individual therapy, parent support sessions and peer group support sessions in English and Dutch for children from 0-12 years old. Families that choose for my practice experience social-emotional or behavioural difficulties including anxiety, problems with self-esteem, difficulty to adapt to new situations, disobedience and oppositional behaviour, eating problems and more.

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# Speech-Language Pathologist

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**About Me:** Native English speaker, USA educated, with master's degree in speech pathology, minor in elementary education. Experience working with individuals from birth to geriatrics to enhance communication needs across all domains.

Services: Complete speech-language evaluation with norm-referenced, standardized measures and diagnostic reporting.

Private treatment sessions tailored to individual and family/school needs.

**Website:** [www.englishtherapy.nl](http://www.englishtherapy.nl)

## **Other ways to get your child tested for Dyslexia**

- 1) It is possible to get your child assessed in the UK. Many parents have used the services of Dyslexia Action and fit this in with a visit. They have centres around the UK and invite independent Educational Psychologists to come in to do the testing when needed.  
<http://dyslexiaaction.org.uk>
- 2) Check with your school to see if they have an in-house Educational Psychologist or a visiting Educational Psychologist.