

My name is Heidi King, I am 8 years old and I live in Saline Michigan. I have dyslexia. That is where my mind doesn't understand letters and I need to be taught in different ways. In the beginning reading wasn't easy for me, but now it is getting easier.

The letters didn't make words and I didn't really focus that well, so it was hard to read books. I was very sad and frustrated. I felt different from everyone else, they were all in their books during reading time. I tried to read too but the words were too hard. I kept getting my head out of the book and started thinking about something else, like recess. In first grade to get out of reading I would help my teacher in the classroom instead.

Reading is easier now because my tutor has given me reading tools and homework to help me. I know vowel teams, blends, magic e, bossy Rs, and now I get to work on harder words. When I first started I was in picture books, but now I am getting into chapter books.

When I started tutoring in January 2023 I was in the middle of second grade, reading at Kindergarten level. Now I am at the end of third grade reading at a beginning third grader level. I even read my last progress check-in with 100% accuracy.

My favorite books are Heidi Hecklebeck and The One and Only series. I see my tutor twice a week for 1 hour each. All the extra work has been fine, but my family is really busy so sometimes we don't have time to finish it all. I hope you make these laws so all kids get help and learn to read.

