

Strategies for overcoming vision issues

Reduced visual acuity

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DSA Writing Sheet - Half line Half Space Paper

All children who have Down's syndrome have poorer visual acuity (clearness of vision), there is further information about this in our 'How I See The World' and 'Think Big, Think Bold' resources.

This resource features one of the strategies you can put into action to help children and young people to overcome this issue as well as playing to their strengths as visual learners.

Remember – children who have Down's syndrome will not be able to see thin lines on paper that are in light colours (e.g. faint blue lines).

Everyone who has Down's syndrome will need paper and exercise books with widely spaced lines to allow for larger writing. Make sure the lines you are asking a person to write on are bold and dark, this will help them with visual focusing and orientation.



In this example below, in addition to the bold and dark well-spaced lines for writing, there is space provided for the person or their assistant to draw or to paste in appropriate images that are relevant to the text. The images and drawings will help to reinforce the written word.

Think BIG, think **BOLD**

For more information about sight issues please visit our [website](#).



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