

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Alternative Diagnoses

Symptoms	ADHD (DSM-IV)	Learning-Related Visual Problems (Kavner)	Normal Child Under 7 (Gesell)
For a diagnosis of Inattention at least 6 items are necessary			
Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes	√	√	
Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities	√	√	√
Often does not listen when spoken to directly	√	√	
Often does not follow through on instructions or fails to finish work	√	√	√
Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	√	√	√
Often loses things	√	√	√
Often distracted by extraneous stimuli	√	√	√
Often forgetful in daily activities	√	√	
For a diagnosis of Hyperactivity and Impulsivity at least 6 items are necessary			
Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	√	√	√
Often has difficulty remaining seated when required to do so	√	√	√
Often runs or climbs excessively	√		√
Often has difficulty playing quietly	√		
Often “on the go”	√		√
Often talks excessively	√	√	
Often blurts out answers to questions before they have been completed	√	√	
Often has difficulty awaiting turn	√	√	√
Often interrupts or intrudes on others	√	√	√