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**GL ASSESSMENT'S DYSLEXIA PORTFOLIO SHORTLISTED IN  
EDUCATION RESOURCES AWARDS 2010**

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GL Assessment's *Dyslexia Portfolio* was shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Best Special Educational Needs Resource – including ICT' category of the Education Resources Awards (ERA) 2010.

Designed for use with pupils from ages 6 to 16, the portfolio has transformed the way teachers and Sencos identify and provide support for children with dyslexia and literacy learning difficulties in the classroom.

Andrew Thraves, Director of Publishing and Strategy at GL Assessment, said: "We are delighted to have been selected as a finalist in the ERA awards 2010 for the *Dyslexia Portfolio*. Dyslexia is a major cause of underachievement in schools. A recent study of seven and 11-year-olds found that 55% of pupils who failed to reach expected levels of reading and writing in national tests displayed all the signs of being dyslexic. The portfolio will help ensure that these children get the support they need quickly so that they have every chance of reaching their full potential."

The portfolio offers nine individual paper-based tests that are quick and easy to administer. The complete assessment is timed at just 45 minutes and results will provide information on areas such as word reading, writing and spelling ability, phonological skills, and working memory.

Using the portfolio, teachers will be able to pinpoint exactly where a child's difficulties in literacy lie. This will make it easier for those providing learning support to pupils with dyslexia to work together. It will also help ensure schools can put effective measures in place swiftly to help build pupils' confidence and encourage greater achievement.

An online reporting feature enables schools to analyse individual scores so that the impact of any interventions put in place can be monitored to ensure they are supporting a child's learning. The portfolio also includes tests that support schools in assessing pupils' eligibility for access arrangements in public examinations.

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### Notes to the editor

- The Dyslexia Portfolio is the third publication in GL Assessment's popular series on the condition. Other products include the *Dyslexia Screener*, which is now available online, and *Dyslexia Guidance*, a comprehensive guide on supporting pupils with dyslexia inside and outside the classroom.
- The *Dyslexia Portfolio* can be purchased from [www.gl-assessment.co.uk](http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk) for £150.00.

### About GL Assessment

GL Assessment is the UK's leading independent provider of tests and assessment services for education. It publishes across the 4 -19 age range, with the majority of its assessments designed for 5-14 year-olds.

GL Assessment has an extensive portfolio of print-based tests for education which assess children's progress in literacy, ability and numeracy and identify a broad spectrum of special educational needs. It offers tests and programmes that support the development of emotional literacy and thinking skills. GL Assessment also provides assessments for use in the Health and Psychology service by clinical psychologists, speech and language therapists and paediatricians.

To increase the scope and flexibility of its educational list, GL Assessment has developed Testwise, a powerful e-assessment portal. Testwise is designed to take the work out of administering, scoring and analysing tests. Learners complete assessments online, and instant scoring gives teachers comprehensive results and analysis at the touch of a button. Many of GL Assessment's most popular tests are now available online including the *Cognitive Abilities Test*, *Group Reading Test*, *Suffolk Reading Scale*, *Progress in Maths* and *Progress in English*.

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