

QUESTION	✓	NOTES
How old were you when you first received a diagnosis of SpLD?		
What was this for?		
Have you received any further diagnoses since then?		
How old were you when you received these?		
I'd like to ask you now to tell me about your childhood experiences of learning. Regardless of whether you had received a diagnosis of SpLD during your childhood/schooling...		
Did you feel as though you learned differently to other people?		
<i>If yes...</i> When did you first feel as though your learning was different to that of your peers?		
Why was that?		
Did you feel that this had any kind of impact, negative or positive, on your ability to learn?		
Did you feel that this had any kind of impact, negative or positive, on your own engagement with learning?		
Were there any general effects, either positive or negative, of needing to learn differently, or feeling different in school? • Responses of classmates? • Responses of teaching staff? • Responses of parents/carers?		

How did that make you feel about yourself?		
What strengths, if any, do you feel you developed through learning differently?		
If you noticed that you learned in a different way to others, where and when was this most noticeable to you? Would you tell me about some examples?		
When was it least noticeable? • Would you tell me about some examples?		
What kind of a learner did you see yourself as?		
How did that make you see yourself as a person?		
How did you see your future opportunities?		
What other factors influenced your ideas for the future?		
Applying to study at university		
How did you see yourself in terms of post-compulsory education?		
What made you decide to apply to study at university?		
Tell me about coming to university...		
How did you feel when you first started your course?		
Have you been diagnosed with a specific learning difference whilst at university?		

How do you remember feeling when you received the diagnosis?		
How did it make you feel about yourself as a person?		
Did it impact upon your relationships with others?		
How did you feel when you were offered support by Student Services?		
Tell me about your interactions with, and experiences of Student Services...		
How did you come to be tested for SpLD? • Did you ask to be tested? • Were you advised to be tested? ○ Who advised you?		
Did you want to be tested?		
Who conducted the test, or tests?		
How were you told about your diagnosis?		
How did you feel about the explanation you were provided?		
Tell me about your experiences with Student Services after this? • Types of support made available to you • Amount of time spent with support tutors • Your own engagement with the support offered • What more could have been done to support you?		

How do you feel about the support offered and available during Covid-19 lockdown?		
You're the expert regarding living with your SpLD. Is there anything else you'd like to tell me about your experiences that we haven't already spoken about? Is there anything I've overlooked in my questions that you feel should be included?		
Would you be agreeable to being contacted by me, initially by email, if I need to clarify or develop any of the information you've provided here?		
That's it. Thank you for sharing so much with me; it's been very helpful. I'll email you a debrief sheet now. Please feel free to email me, if you have any queries or requests.		