

Autism Checklist

| Behaviour | Social Interaction | Communication | Sensory |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focused or intense interests e.g. trains, dinosaurs <input type="checkbox"/> Repetitive body movements e.g. hand flapping, rocking, walking on tip toes <input type="checkbox"/> Adherence to routines e.g. likes things the same way <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty coping with changes to routines <input type="checkbox"/> Uncooperative behaviours e.g. difficulty sharing or taking turns <input type="checkbox"/> Uses toys in unusual ways e.g. lines up, sniffs toys <input type="checkbox"/> Uses peripheral vision to look at objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty responding appropriately to non-verbal communication e.g. gesture, facial expression <input type="checkbox"/> Missing social cues or inappropriate reactions to emotional expression of others e.g. laughing when someone is upset/angry <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty understanding others needs and wants e.g. assuming what they think/feel is what others think/feel <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced eye contact <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty establishing and maintaining relationships with others <input type="checkbox"/> Often in their 'own world' <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play alone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed language development e.g. no speech by 18 months no short phrases by 24 months <input type="checkbox"/> Does not respond to name <input type="checkbox"/> Does not use gesture e.g. will not point to objects or wave <input type="checkbox"/> Ignores human speech, but responds to other sounds <input type="checkbox"/> Stereotyped or repetitive language e.g. repeating phrases or only talking about topics that are of interest to them <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty taking turns in conversation. e.g. interrupts person whilst they speak <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with problem solving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive to different sensations e.g. touch/texture (sticky, rough) sound (volume, pitch) light (flashing lights) <input type="checkbox"/> Avoidance of situations where they are exposed to disliked sensations e.g. avoids walking on grass or avoids noise environments <input type="checkbox"/> Limited food choices e.g. picky eater, only eats crunchy foods or foods of a certain colour |

If your child meets some of these criteria, or you have concerns regarding your child's development, please contact your GP or Paediatrician.

Speech Pathologists are not qualified to diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder, but can help provide information to your doctor regarding your child's social and communication skills. This information can help determine if an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis is applicable to your child.