

ASSQ – Autism Spectrum Screening Questionnaire

Instructions for Parents/Teachers:

Please rate the child's behaviour compared to other children of the same age. Consider behaviours observed over time, not just on a single occasion.

		No	Somewhat	Yes
1	is old-fashioned or precocious	0	1	2
2	is regarded as an "eccentric professor" by the other children	0	1	2
3	lives somewhat in a world of his/her own with restricted idiosyncratic intellectual interests	0	1	2
4	accumulates facts on certain subjects (good at memorising) but does not really understand the meaning	0	1	2
5	has a literal understanding of ambiguous and metaphorical language	0	1	2
6	has a different style of communication with a formal, fussy, old-fashioned or "robot like" language	0	1	2
7	invents idiosyncratic words and expressions	0	1	2
8	has a different voice or speech	0	1	2
9	expresses sounds involuntarily; clears throat, grunts, smacks, cries or screams	0	1	2
10	is surprisingly good at some things and surprisingly poor at others	0	1	2
11	uses language freely but fails to make adjustment to fit social contexts or the needs of different listeners	0	1	2
12	lacks empathy	0	1	2
13	makes naive and embarrassing remarks	0	1	2
14	has a different style of gaze	0	1	2
15	wishes to be sociable but fails to make relationships with peers	0	1	2
16	can be with other children but only on his/her terms	0	1	2
17	lacks best friend	0	1	2

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		No	Somewhat	Yes
18	lacks common sense	0	1	2
19	is poor at games: no idea of cooperating in a team, scores "own goals"	0	1	2
20	has clumsy, ill coordinated, ungainly, awkward movements or gestures	0	1	2
21	has involuntary face or body movements	0	1	2
22	has difficulties in completing simple daily activities because of compulsory repetition of certain actions or thoughts	0	1	2
23	has special routines: insists on no change	0	1	2
24	shows idiosyncratic attachment to objects	0	1	2
25	is bullied by other children	0	1	2
26	has markedly unusual facial expressions	0	1	2
27	has markedly unusual posture	0	1	2

Total your scores from all 27 items

Total Score:

Interpretation

- 0-11 → Not consistent with autism
- 11-19 → Moderately consistent with autism
- 19+ → Strongly consistent with autism

A cut-off score of 13 correctly identifies 83% of children with autism and 42% without.

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While these scores may suggest the possibility of autism, it's important to note that this is not a definitive diagnosis. Only a qualified healthcare professional can diagnose autism after a comprehensive evaluation.