

**Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Checklist**

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Though usually of high intelligence, the child showing autism signs has difficulty in applying the simplest life skills they have seemingly mastered.

Repelling being touched, not being interactive and shunning eye contact with parents while focusing on objects seem to be crucial autism signs.

To the proper diagnosis of autism, this 18 point check list of possible autism signs found in three crucial areas of development has been produced.

If you notice your child is exhibiting one or more of the following, seek further medical advice and assessment by qualified professionals.

Social skills

- Fails to respond to his or her name
- Has poor eye contact
- Appears not to hear you at times
- Resists cuddling and holding
- Appears unaware of others' feelings
- Seems to prefer playing alone — retreats into his or her “own world”

Language

- Starts talking later than other children
- Loses previously acquired ability to say words or sentences
- Does not make eye contact when making requests
- Speaks with an abnormal tone or rhythm — may use a singsong voice or robot-like speech
- Can't start a conversation or keep one going
- May repeat words or phrases verbatim, but doesn't understand how to use them

Behaviour

- Performs repetitive movements, such as rocking, spinning or hand-flapping
- Develops specific routines or rituals
- Becomes disturbed at the slightest change in routines or rituals
- Moves constantly
- May be fascinated by parts of an object, such as the spinning wheels of a toy car
- May be unusually sensitive to light, sound and touch