

## **AUTISM CHECK LIST**

Individuals with autism usually exhibit half of the traits listed below. These symptoms can range from mild to severe and may vary in intensity from symptom to symptom. In addition the behavior usually occurs across many different situations and is consistently inappropriate for their age.

1. Difficulty in mixing with other children.
2. Inappropriate laughing and giggling.
3. Little or no eye contact.
4. Apparent insensitivity to pain.
5. Prefer to be alone; aloof manner
6. Spins objects.
7. Inappropriate attachment to objects.
8. Noticeable physical overactivity or underactivity.
9. Unresponsive to normal teaching method.
10. Re-insistence on sameness; resists changes in routine.
11. No real fear of dangers.
12. Sustained odd play.
13. Echolalia(repeating words or phrases in place of normal language)
14. Many not want cuddling or act cuddly.
15. Not responsive to verbal cues, acts as deaf.
16. Difficulty in expressing needs uses gestures or pointing instead of words.
17. Tantrums- display extreme distress for no apparent reasons.
18. Uneven gross/fine motor skills(may not want to kick the ball but may stack blocks)

Autism is primarily a disorder of communication rather than language (Rhea Paul 2002, Language from Infancy to Adolescence)