



## Childhood Autism Spectrum Test (CAST)

### Instructions:

Please read the following questions carefully, and select the appropriate answer.

		Yes	No
1	Do they join in playing games with other children easily?	0	1
2	Do they come up to you spontaneously for a chat?	0	1
3	Were they speaking by 2 years old?	0	0
4	Do they enjoy sports?	0	0
5	Is it important to them to fit in with the peer group?	0	1
6	Do they appear to notice unusual details that others miss?	1	0
7	Do they tend to take things literally?	1	0
8	When they were 3 years old, did they spend a lot of time pretending (e.g., play-acting being a superhero, or holding teddy's tea parties)?	0	1
9	Do they like to do things over and over again, in the same way all the time?	1	0
10	Do they find it easy to interact with other children?	0	1
11	Can they keep a two-way conversation going?	0	1
12	Can they read appropriately for their age?	0	0
13	Do they mostly have the same interests as their peers?	0	1
14	Do they have an interest which takes up so much time that they do little else?	1	0
15	Do they have friends, rather than just acquaintances?	0	1
16	Do they often bring you things they are interested in to show you?	0	1
17	Do they enjoy joking around?	0	1



	Yes	No
18 Do they have difficulty understanding the rules for polite behaviour?	1	0
19 Do they appear to have an unusual memory for details?	1	0
20 Is their voice unusual (e.g., overly adult, flat, or very monotonous)?	1	0
21 Are people important to them?	0	1
22 Can they dress themselves?	0	0
23 Are they good at turn-taking in conversation?	0	1
24 Do they play imaginatively with other children, and engage in role-play?	0	1
25 Do they often do or say things that are tactless or socially inappropriate?	1	0
26 Can they count to 50 without leaving out any numbers?	0	0
27 Do they make normal eye-contact?	0	1
28 Do they have any unusual and repetitive movements?	1	0
29 Is their social behaviour very one-sided and always on their own terms?	1	0
30 Do they sometimes say "you", "she", "him", or "them" when they mean "I"?	1	0
31 Do they prefer imaginative activities such as play-acting or story-telling, rather than numbers or lists of facts?	0	1
32 Do they sometimes lose the listener because of not explaining what they are talking about?	1	0
33 Can they ride a bicycle (even if with stabilisers)?	0	0
34 Do they try to impose routines on themselves, or on others, in such a way that it causes problems?	1	0
35 Do they care how they are perceived by the rest of the group?	0	1
36 Do they often turn conversations to their favourite subject rather than following what the other person wants to talk about?	1	0
37 Do they have odd or unusual phrases?	1	0



		Yes	No
38	Have teachers/health visitors ever expressed any concerns about their development?	0	0
39	Have they ever been diagnosed with any of the following? *** Item 39A *** Language delay	0	0
40	*** Item 39B *** Hyperactivity/Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD)	0	0
41	*** Item 39C *** Hearing or visual difficulties	0	0
42	*** Item 39D *** Autism Spectrum Condition, including Asperger's Syndrome	0	0
43	*** Item 39E *** A physical disability	0	0
44	*** Item 39F *** Other	0	0

**Developer Reference:**

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