

Facts about Autism



Children with Autism. . . .

- Lack or have a delay in talking
- Repeat phrases esp. from movies or books and/or motor mannerisms (example hand-flapping, twirling objects)
- Little or no eye contact with people
- Lack of interest in friendships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Constant fixation on parts of objects
- Cannot communicate illnesses (such as pain from stomach aches or ear infections) that need medical treatments

Did you know. . . .

- There is no known single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.
- Autism is treatable. Children do not “outgrow” autism, but early diagnosis and help can lead to improved outcomes.
- 1 in every 150 American child, and almost 1 in 94 boys are affected by autism.
- Autism is the fastest growing developmental condition in the world. With large numbers rising quickly over the last sixty years.

If you want to know more about autism, look at one of the websites below or you can check out one of the following books at your local library:

www.autism-society.org

Anything but typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Different like me: My book of autism heroes by Jennifer Elder
Illustrations by Marc Thomas and Jennifer Elder

A Wizard Alone by Diane Duane

Everything you need to know when a brother or sister is autistic by Marsha Sarah Rosenberg

