

# Symptoms of Autism

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# Early Signs of Autism

- No eye contact
- Doesn't initiate physical contact
- Doesn't reciprocate appropriate emotion
- Show general acts of isolation and uninterest
- Doesn't make basic requests



# Progression of Autism

- 6 months- absence of warm and joyful emotions.
- 9 months- doesn't return sounds or facial expressions.
- 12 months- lack of response to name/no baby talk.  
doesn't return gestures of direction.
- 16 months- no speaking or communication.
- 24 months- no more than two word phrases, that have meaning.



# Social Difficulties of Autism

- General disinterest of surrounding environment
- Doesn't connect with others
- Shys away from physical contact
- Lack of creativity
- Doesn't understand emotions and feelings



# Speech and Language Developments

- Abnormal voice tone
- Different pitch or rhythm of voice
- Repetitive questions and phrases
- Often speaks in third person
- Incorrect uses of grammar
- Communication difficulties



# Autistic Behavior

- Follows a strict routine
- Attaches to objects (characters, toys, etc.)
- Displays characteristics of OCD
- Repetitive movement



# Self-stimulatory Behaviors

- Hand clapping
- Rocking
- Spinning
- Odd finger motions
- Head banging
- Scratching
- Ear tapping
- Stacking/lining up things

