

The Adolescent Autism Spectrum Quotient (AQ)

Ages 12-15 years: Scoring Key

For full details, please see:

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Responses that score 1 point are marked. Other responses score 0. For total score, sum all items.

	Definitely Agree	Slightly Agree	Slightly Disagree	Definitely Disagree
1. S/he prefers to do things with others rather than on her/his own.			1	1
2. S/he prefers to do things the same way over and over again.	1	1		
3. If s/he tries to imagine something, s/he finds it very easy to create a picture in her/his mind.			1	1
4. S/he frequently gets so strongly absorbed in one thing that s/he loses sight of other things.	1	1		
5. S/he often notices small sounds when others do not.	1	1		
6. S/he usually notices car number plates or similar strings of information.	1	1		
7. Other people frequently tell her/him that what s/he has said is impolite, even though s/he thinks it is polite.	1	1		
8. When s/he is reading a story, s/he can easily imagine what the characters might look like.			1	1
9. S/he is fascinated by dates.	1	1		
10. In a social group, s/he can easily keep track of several different people's conversations.			1	1
11. S/he finds social situations easy.			1	1

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12. S/he tends to notice details that others do not.	1	1		
13. S/he would rather go to a library than a party.	1	1		
14. S/he finds making up stories easy.			1	1
15. S/he finds her/himself drawn more strongly to people than to things.			1	1
16. S/he tends to have very strong interests, which s/he gets upset about if s/he can't pursue.	1	1		
17. S/he enjoys social chit-chat.			1	1
18. When s/he talks, it isn't always easy for others to get a word in edgeways.	1	1		
19. S/he is fascinated by numbers.	1	1		
20. When s/he is reading a story, s/he finds it difficult to work out the characters' intentions.	1	1		
21. S/he doesn't particularly enjoy reading fiction.	1	1		
22. S/he finds it hard to make new friends.	1	1		
23. S/he notices patterns in things all the time.	1	1		
24. S/he would rather go to the theatre than a museum.			1	1
25. It does not upset him/her if his/her daily routine is disturbed.			1	1
26. S/he frequently finds that s/he doesn't know how to keep a conversation going.	1	1		
27. S/he finds it easy to "read between the lines" when someone is talking to her/him.			1	1

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28. S/he usually concentrates more on the whole picture, rather than the small details.			1	1
29. S/he is not very good at remembering phone numbers.			1	1
30. S/he doesn't usually notice small changes in a situation, or a person's appearance.			1	1
31. S/he knows how to tell if someone listening to him/her is getting bored.			1	1
32. S/he finds it easy to do more than one thing at once.			1	1
33. When s/he talks on the phone, s/he is not sure when it's her/his turn to speak.	1	1		
34. S/he enjoys doing things spontaneously.			1	1
35. S/he is often the last to understand the point of a joke.	1	1		
36. S/he finds it easy to work out what someone is thinking or feeling just by looking at their face.			1	1
37. If there is an interruption, s/he can switch back to what s/he was doing very quickly.			1	1
38. S/he is good at social chit-chat.			1	1
39. People often tell her/him that s/he keeps going on and on about the same thing.	1	1		
40. When s/he was younger, s/he used to enjoy playing games involving pretending with other children.			1	1
41. S/he likes to collect information about categories of things (e.g. types of car, types of bird, types of train, types of plant, etc.).	1	1		
42. S/he finds it difficult to imagine what it would be like to be someone else.	1	1		

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43. S/he likes to plan any activities s/he participates in carefully.	1	1		
44. S/he enjoys social occasions.			1	1
45. S/he finds it difficult to work out people's intentions.	1	1		
46. New situations make him/her anxious.	1	1		
47. S/he enjoys meeting new people.			1	1
48. S/he is a good diplomat.			1	1
49. S/he is not very good at remembering people's date of birth.			1	1
50. S/he finds it very to easy to play games with children that involve pretending.			1	1