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Autism  
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# WHAT IS AUTISM?

It is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder which impairs our communication, behaviors and social interaction.

It is typically diagnosed in children between 3-6 years of age.

Boys are four times more likely to be affected than girls.



# What is autism?



## What it is ✓



A neurodevelopmental difference (different brain wiring), a natural variation

Affects every aspect of a person's being: how they perceive, experience, interact with and interpret the world



A minority neurology



Lifelong

## What it isn't ✗



A learning disability



An illness or disease



Bad behaviour/willful defiance



Bad parenting



Affects only children

# What is Autism?

Autism is a wide-spectrum disorder

This means that no two people with autism will have exactly the same symptoms. As well as experiencing varying combinations of symptoms, some people will have mild symptoms while others will have severe ones.

A person with autism feels love, happiness, sadness and pain just like everyone else. Just because some of them may not express their feelings in the same way others do, does not mean at all that they do not have feelings - **THEY DO!** It is crucial that the

Myth - Autistic people have no feelings - is stopped! Therefore, it is important that you educate people who carry this myth in a helpful and informative way.



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