Signs of autism: a guide for librarians



Lack of Eye Contact



May Appear Stubborn/Resistant



Flapping, Flicking, Spinning

Scripting Words, Phrases, Noises



Sensitive to Touch

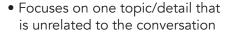


Processing Delays



Repetitive Behaviors





 Scripting or repeating sounds o (e.g. repeat lines of a television show or movie)



Mental Processes

- Displays poor impulse control

 (e.g. constantly touching an object
 despite being told/given consequences)
- Processing delay/Unable to follow a chain of commands
 - o (e.g. put your coat on the chair, sit down, and put your phone on the table)



Sensory Behaviors

- May be sensitive to touch o especially if unexpected
- Overwhelmed by sensory environment o (e.g. covers ears, eyes, nose)



Social Communication

- Flat vocal affect
 o (e.g. voice stays at one tone with little to
 no inflection)
- Unusual facial grimaces
- Avoidance of eye contact or blank stare throughout conversation
- Individual has no friends or is socially isolated
- May appear stubborn, defiant, or noncompliant with requests
- Atypical or stiff body language flat facial expressions.
- Overly literal interpretation of questions
- Increased aggravation/anxiety during interview
- Overly agreeable
- Appears to have a lack of sympathy or empathy



