

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL WITH AUTISM
AND MAIL TO:
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NAME _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SECTION A

Please explain any "yes" response and use reverse side for additional space. Age: _____ State: _____

1. Any problems with the pregnancy? Yes/No Explain:

2. Any difficulty with the birth? Yes/No Explain:

3. Any serious illness or disease? Yes/No Explain:

4. Environmental allergies? Yes/No Explain:

5. Any food sensitivities? Yes/No Explain:

Foods that cause problems talking, thinking or sitting still:

Foods that cause fatigue or lethargy:

Foods that cause stomachaches:

Foods that cause headaches:

Other problems:

6. Any sensitivity to certain smells such as hair sprays, perfumes, or detergents? Yes/No Explain:

7. Any problems if a meal is skipped?

Headaches _____ Dizzy _____ Moody _____ Stomachaches _____
Active _____ Tired _____ Shaky _____ Irritable _____ Other _____

8. Any problems going to sleep or staying asleep? Yes/No Explain:

9. Sensitivity to certain clothing or fabrics? Yes/No Which ones.

10. Difficulty or resists wearing tight clothing? Yes/No Explain:

11. Reacts negatively or is sensitive to certain sounds? Yes/No Explain:

12. Headaches or migraines? Yes/No Explain what triggers these attacks.

13. Circle the stimuli that are bothersome, painful or aversive: Smells Sounds Touch Lights
Patterns Textures Other (list)
14. Circle the stimuli which have a “mesmerizing” effect: Lights Colors Patterns Sparkles
Textures Spinning Moving Other (list)
15. Is there a family history of autism? Yes/No Relationship
16. Is anyone in the family light sensitive? Is anyone bothered by sunlight, glare, or does anyone prefer
to wear sunglasses outside? Yes/No Relationship
17. Does anyone in the family avoid reading or avoid reading for pleasure? Yes/No Relationship
18. Does anyone take breaks while reading or only read magazines or newspapers rather than preferring to
read for an hour or longer at a time? Yes/No Relationship
19. Does anyone in the family have learning problems or dyslexia? Yes/No Relationship
20. Does anyone in the family have a history of headaches or migraines related to lights or reading?
Yes/No Relationship

SECTION B

Please explain any "yes" responses and use reverse side for more space.

1. Were there ever problems coloring and staying within the lines? Yes/No/?
- 2. Were there ever problems being able to cut on a straight line?** Yes/No/?
3. Problems walking on straight lines on the floor? Yes/No/?
- 4. Avoidance or trouble using revolving doors?** Yes/No/?
5. Likes to watch doors open and close? Yes/No/?
- 6. Difficulty or hesitation getting on or off moving things
like an escalator?** Yes/No/?
7. Difficulty picking things up or putting them down? Yes/No/?
- 8. Hesitation or fear going up or down stairs?** Yes/No/?
9. Difficulty catching balls? Yes/No/?
- 10. Acts calmer or prefers to be in dim lights?** Yes/No/?
11. Squints or closes one eye in bright light? Yes/No/?

- 12. Changes the brightness control on the TV?** Yes/No/?
13. Plays with the color control setting on the TV? Yes/No/?
- 14. Avoids automatic doors?** Yes/No/?
15. Squirms or becomes overactive under fluorescent lights? Yes/No/?
- 16. Does behavior change under fluorescent lights?** Yes/No/?
17. Appears to stare at certain patterns or stripes? Yes/No/?
- 18. Bothered by or dislikes certain colours?** Yes/No/?

SECTION C

	NEVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
1. Preference for the lights dimmed or turned off?	0	1	2
2. Squints when asked to look at something?	0	1	2
3. Periodically blinks in a series or bout?	0	1	2
4. Looks at things in a series of short glances?	0	1	2
5. Identifies or repeats the name of something being held for viewing but does not look at it?	0	1	2
6. Shields one eye while sitting or walking?	0	1	2
7. Rubs or pushes on the eyes?	0	1	2
8. Views a scene by turning the head and appears to stare?	0	1	2
9. Looks down or up at the ceiling while walking?	0	1	2
10. Looks through fingers?	0	1	2
11. Looks away from visual targets?	0	1	2
12. Appears startled when approached?	0	1	2
13. Startles when there is no apparent object?	0	1	2
14. Widens eyes or stares when looking at things?	0	1	2
15. Squirms or becomes overactive in bright lights?	0	1	2
16. Sits under shady trees when outside?	0	1	2
17. Picks strange colors for the computer screen or turns the brightness down?	0	1	2

SECTION D

Please explain any “yes” responses and use the reverse side for space.

1. Do certain types of lights bother you? Yes/No Explain:
2. Do lights sometimes have halos, starbursts, or colours around them? Yes/No Explain:
3. Do you ever see little spots of brightness or colour ? Yes/No Explain:

4. Is it difficult to look at some faces? Yes/No Explain:
5. Do you see colours when you look at things? Yes/No Explain:
6. Do some papers look shiny, too "white," or too bright? Yes/No Explain:
7. Does it hurt to look at a white page? Yes/No Explain:
8. Do things seem to be coming at you? Yes/No Explain:
9. Is it hard to look at some stripes or patterns? Yes/No Explain:
10. Do you dislike or are bothered by certain colours? Yes/No Explain:
11. Do you find it easier to squint or look out of the side of your vision? Yes/No Explain:
12. What it is like to look at people? Yes/No Explain:
13. What is it like to look at things? Yes/No Explain:
14. Do things around you move or change, such as: walls, stairs, wallpaper, furniture, carpet patterns? Yes/No Explain:
15. Do things seem to appear and disappear? Yes/No Explain:
16. Do things seem to fly apart? Yes/No Explain:
17. Do you find it harder to understand what you see or hear in rooms that have fluorescent or bright lights? Yes/No Explain:
18. Do you find traveling in a car at times upsetting? Yes/No Explain:
19. Do you find it difficult to play catch with a ball? Yes/No Explain:
20. Do you find that you have negative reactions to stairs, escalators, or driving? Yes/No Explain:
21. Do your eyes get tired when you look at pages with print on them or read? Yes/No Explain:
22. Does it get hard to hear? Yes/No Explain:
23. When things become hard to look at, does it make it hard to hear? Yes/No Explain:

SECTION E

NEVER SOMETIMES OFTEN ?

1. When doing seat work, does your child lose his/her place or skip lines?	0	1	2	?
2. Does your child rub surfaces? ?	0	1	2	
3. When writing, does your child use an atypical position or workpaper placement?	0	1	2	?
4. When reading or writing, does your child move back and forth?	0	1	2	?
5. Does your child choose the same coloured crayon, marker, or pen?	0	1	2	?
6. Does your child prefer coloured paper?	0	1	2	?
7. Does your child work quickly?	0	1	2	?
8. Is your child better at reading larger print?	0	1	2	?
9. Does your child read better from the blackboard or a vertical surface?	0	1	2	?
10. While reading, does your child say letters first instead of words?	0	1	2	?
11. Does your child misread words?	0	1	2	?
12. Does your child miss spaces between words, combining letters or words?	0	1	2	?
13. Does your child misunderstand or cannot follow directions?	0	1	2	?
14. When reading, does your child repeat words or lines?	0	1	2	?
15. When reading aloud, does your child skip words or lines?	0	1	2	?