

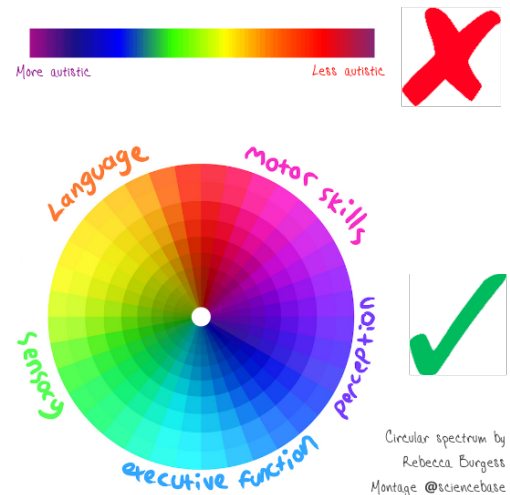


Fast Facts

- 70 million individuals worldwide and over 3.5 million individuals in the United States have autism
- On average, 1 in 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls are diagnosed with autism
- 1/2 of children identified with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have average or above-average intelligence
- About 25% of individuals with autism are nonverbal
- Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups
- No two people with autism are alike. If you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism



What does the autism spectrum look like?



Celebrities with ASD

- Bill Gates (Entrepreneur)
- Alfred Hitchcock (Director)
- Isaac Newton (Scientist)
- Jane Austen (Author)
- Albert Einstein (Scientist)
- Hans Christian Andersen (Author)
- Charles Darwin (Scientist)
- Satoshi Tajiri (Creator of Pokemon)
- Jim Henson (Puppeteer, The Muppet Show, Sesame Street)
- Charles Schulz (Cartoonist, Peanuts)
- Thomas Jefferson (President, Philosopher)
- Wolfgang Mozart (Composer)
- George Orwell (Writer)
- Dan Ackroyd (Actor)
- Ludwig Van Beethoven (Composer)
- Thomas Edison (Inventor)
- Michael Jackson (Musician)

Did You Know

- There are five types of autism-spectrum disorders:
 - Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
 - Autism
 - Asperger Syndrome
 - Rett Syndrome
 - Childhood Disintegrative Disorder
- More than 1/2 of children with autism are bullied at some point in their lives
- You do not "out grow" autism. There is no cure.
- People with ASD want to be social but lack the skills to do so naturally. These skills must be taught and learned.
- ASD is NOT a behavioral, emotional, or mental health disorder-it is a developmental and neuro-biological difference in the brain