



## Ritvo Autism Asperger Diagnostic Scale – Revised (RAADS-R)

### Instructions:

Please read each statement below and choose the answer that best fits your experiences during social interactions.

		True now and when I was young	Only true now	True only when I was younger than 16	Never true
1	I am a sympathetic person.	0	1	2	3
2	I often use words and phrases from movies and television in conversations.	3	2	1	0
3	I am often surprised when others tell me I have been rude.	3	2	1	0
4	Sometimes I talk too loudly or too softly, and I am not aware of it.	3	2	1	0
5	I often don't know how to act in social situations.	3	2	1	0
6	I can 'put myself in other people's shoes.'	0	1	2	3
7	I have a hard time figuring out what some phrases mean, like 'you are the apple of my eye.'	3	2	1	0
8	I only like to talk to people who share my special interests.	3	2	1	0
9	I focus on details rather than the overall idea.	3	2	1	0
10	I always notice how food feels in my mouth. This is more important to me than how it tastes.	3	2	1	0
11	I miss my best friends or family when we are apart for a long time.	0	1	2	3
12	Sometimes I offend others by saying what I am thinking, even if I don't mean to.	3	2	1	0
13	I only like to think and talk about a few things that interest me.	3	2	1	0
14	I'd rather go out to eat in a restaurant by myself than with someone I know.	3	2	1	0
15	I cannot imagine what it would be like to be someone else.	3	2	1	0
16	I have been told that I am clumsy or uncoordinated.	3	2	1	0



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17	Others consider me odd or different.	3	2	1	0
18	I understand when friends need to be comforted.	0	1	2	3
19	I am very sensitive to the way my clothes feel when I touch them. How they feel is more important to me than how they look.	3	2	1	0
20	I like to copy the way certain people speak and act. It helps me appear more normal.	3	2	1	0
21	It can be very intimidating for me to talk to more than one person at the same time.	3	2	1	0
22	I have to 'act normal' to please other people and make them like me.	3	2	1	0
23	Meeting new people is usually easy for me.	0	1	2	3
24	I get highly confused when someone interrupts me when I am talking about something I am very interested in.	3	2	1	0
25	It is difficult for me to understand how other people are feeling when we are talking.	3	2	1	0
26	I like having a conversation with several people, for instance around a dinner table, at school or at work.	0	1	2	3
27	I take things too literally, so I often miss what people are trying to say.	3	2	1	0
28	It is very difficult for me to understand when someone is embarrassed or jealous.	3	2	1	0
29	Some ordinary textures that do not bother others feel very offensive when they touch my skin.	3	2	1	0
30	I get extremely upset when the way I like to do things is suddenly changed.	3	2	1	0
31	I have never wanted or needed to have what other people call an 'intimate relationship.'	3	2	1	0
32	It is difficult for me to start and stop a conversation. I need to keep going until I am finished.	3	2	1	0
33	I speak with a normal rhythm.	0	1	2	3
34	The same sound, colour or texture can suddenly change from very sensitive to very dull.	3	2	1	0
35	The phrase 'I've got you under my skin' makes me uncomfortable.	3	2	1	0
36	Sometimes the sound of a word or a high-pitched noise can be painful to my ears.	3	2	1	0



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37	I am an understanding type of person.	0	1	2	3
38	I do not connect with characters in movies and cannot feel what they feel.	3	2	1	0
39	I cannot tell when someone is flirting with me.	3	2	1	0
40	I can see in my mind in exact detail things that I am interested in.	3	2	1	0
41	I keep lists of things that interest me, even when they have no practical use (for example sports statistics, train schedules, calendar dates, historical facts and dates).	3	2	1	0
42	When I feel overwhelmed by my senses, I have to isolate myself to shut them down.	3	2	1	0
43	I like to talk things over with my friends.	0	1	2	3
44	I cannot tell if someone is interested or bored with what I am saying.	3	2	1	0
45	It can be very hard to read someone's face, hand and body movements when they are talking.	3	2	1	0
46	The same thing (like clothes or temperatures) can feel very different to me at different times.	3	2	1	0
47	I feel very comfortable with dating or being in social situations with others.	0	1	2	3
48	I try to be as helpful as I can when other people tell me their personal problems.	0	1	2	3
49	I have been told that I have an unusual voice (for example flat, monotone, childish, or high-pitched).	3	2	1	0
50	Sometimes a thought or a subject gets stuck in my mind and I have to talk about it even if no one is interested.	3	2	1	0
51	I do certain things with my hands over and over again (like flapping, twirling sticks or strings, waving things by my eyes).	3	2	1	0
52	I have never been interested in what most of the people I know consider interesting.	3	2	1	0
53	I am considered a compassionate type of person.	0	1	2	3
54	I get along with other people by following a set of specific rules that help me look normal.	3	2	1	0
55	It is very difficult for me to work and function in groups.	3	2	1	0
56	When I am talking to someone, it is hard to change the subject. If the other person does so, I can get very upset and confused.	3	2	1	0



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57	Sometimes I have to cover my ears to block out painful noises (like vacuum cleaners or people talking too much or too loudly).	3	2	1	0
58	I can chat and make small talk with people.	0	1	2	3
59	Sometimes things that should feel painful are not (for instance when I hurt myself or burn my hand on the stove).	3	2	1	0
60	When talking to someone, I have a hard time telling when it is my turn to talk or to listen.	3	2	1	0
61	I am considered a loner by those who know me best.	3	2	1	0
62	I usually speak in a normal tone.	0	1	2	3
63	I like things to be exactly the same day after day and even small changes in my routines upset me.	3	2	1	0
64	How to make friends and socialise is a mystery to me.	3	2	1	0
65	It calms me to spin around or to rock in a chair when I'm feeling stressed.	3	2	1	0
66	The phrase, 'He wears his heart on his sleeve,' does not make sense to me.	3	2	1	0
67	If I am in a place where there are many smells, textures to feel, noises or bright lights, I feel anxious or frightened.	3	2	1	0
68	I can tell when someone says one thing but means something else.	0	1	2	3
69	I like to be by myself as much as I can.	3	2	1	0
70	I keep my thoughts stacked in my memory like they are on filing cards, and I pick out the ones I need by looking through the stack and finding the right one (or another unique way).	3	2	1	0
71	The same sound sometimes seems very loud or very soft, even though I know it has not changed.	3	2	1	0
72	I enjoy spending time eating and talking with my family and friends.	0	1	2	3
73	I can't tolerate things I dislike (like smells, textures, sounds or colours).	3	2	1	0
74	I don't like to be hugged or held.	3	2	1	0
75	When I go somewhere, I have to follow a familiar route or I can get very confused and upset.	3	2	1	0
76	It is difficult to figure out what other people expect of me.	3	2	1	0



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77	I like to have close friends.	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
78	People tell me that I give too much detail.	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
79	I am often told that I ask embarrassing questions.	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
80	I tend to point out other people's mistakes.	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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