



Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist (ATEC)

Instructions:

Please indicate how true each phrase is:

		Not true	Somewhat true	Very true
I. Speech / Language / Communication	1 Knows own name	2	1	0
	2 Responds to 'No' or 'Stop'	2	1	0
	3 Can follow some commands	2	1	0
	4 Can use one word at a time (e.g., No!, Eat, Water, etc.)	2	1	0
	5 Can use 2 words at a time (e.g., Don't want, Go home)	2	1	0
	6 Can use 3 words at a time (e.g., Want more milk)	2	1	0
	7 Knows 10 or more words	2	1	0
	8 Can use sentences with 4 or more words	2	1	0
	9 Explains what he/she wants	2	1	0
	10 Asks meaningful questions	2	1	0
	11 Speech tends to be meaningful / relevant	2	1	0
	12 Often uses several successive sentences	2	1	0
	13 Carries on fairly good conversation	2	1	0
	14 Has normal ability to communicate for his/her age	2	1	0
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II. Sociability	15 Seems to be in a shell - you cannot reach him/her	0	1	2
	16 Ignores other people	0	1	2



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17	Pays little or no attention when addressed	0	1	2
18	Uncooperative and resistant	0	1	2
19	No eye contact	0	1	2
20	Prefers to be left alone	0	1	2
21	Shows no affection	0	1	2
22	Fails to greet parents	0	1	2
23	Avoids contact with others	0	1	2
24	Does not imitate	0	1	2
25	Dislikes being held / cuddled	0	1	2
26	Does not share or show	0	1	2
27	Does not wave 'bye bye'	0	1	2
28	Disagreeable / not compliant	0	1	2
29	Temper tantrums	0	1	2
30	Lacks friends / companions	0	1	2
31	Rarely smiles	0	1	2
32	Insensitive to other's feelings	0	1	2
33	Indifferent to being liked	0	1	2
34	Indifferent if parent(s) leave	0	1	2
35	III. Sensory / Cognitive Awareness Responds to own name	2	1	0
36	Responds to praise	2	1	0



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37	Looks at people and animals	2	1	0	
38	Looks at pictures (and TV)	2	1	0	
39	Does drawing, colouring, art	2	1	0	
40	Plays with toys appropriately	2	1	0	
41	Appropriate facial expression	2	1	0	
42	Understands stories on TV	2	1	0	
43	Understands explanations	2	1	0	
44	Aware of environment	2	1	0	
45	Aware of danger	2	1	0	
46	Shows imagination	2	1	0	
47	Initiates activities	2	1	0	
48	Dresses self	2	1	0	
49	Curious, interested	2	1	0	
50	Venturesome - explores	2	1	0	
51	"Tuned in" - not spacey	2	1	0	
52	Looks where others are looking	2	1	0	
		Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Serious problem
53	IV. Health / Physical / Behaviour Bed-wetting	0	1	2	3
54	Wets pants / diapers	0	1	2	3
55	Soils pants / diapers	0	1	2	3



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56	Diarrhoea	0	1	2	3
57	Constipation	0	1	2	3
58	Sleep problems	0	1	2	3
59	Eats too much / too little	0	1	2	3
60	Extremely limited diet	0	1	2	3
61	Hyperactive	0	1	2	3
62	Lethargic	0	1	2	3
63	Hits or injures self	0	1	2	3
64	Hits or injures others	0	1	2	3
65	Destructive	0	1	2	3
66	Sound-sensitive	0	1	2	3
67	Anxious / fearful	0	1	2	3
68	Unhappy / crying	0	1	2	3
69	Seizures	0	1	2	3
70	Obsessive speech	0	1	2	3
71	Rigid routines	0	1	2	3
72	Shouts or screams	0	1	2	3
73	Demands sameness	0	1	2	3
74	Often agitated	0	1	2	3
75	Not sensitive to pain	0	1	2	3



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76	"Hooked" or fixated on certain objects / topics	0	1	2	3
77	Repetitive movements (stimming, rocking, etc.)	0	1	2	3

Developer Reference:

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