

## Autism Packet

### Pervasive Developmental Disorders Screening Test (PDDST)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

Person Completing Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** Compare this child to the child's siblings or to your experience with other children, or to what you expected your child to be like. The ages provided are guidelines, check "YES" if you experienced this difficulty with your child at any age.

<b>Birth to Six Months of Age</b>	Yes, Usually True	No, Usually Not True			
<b>0-6</b>	√	√	1	2	3
<b>It was hard to get your baby to smile back when you smiled at him/her?</b>					
<b>If you talked to your baby in baby talk, was it hard to get him/her to "talk" back to you?</b>					
<b>Did your baby seem to stare too much at moving objects or moving light?</b>					
<b>Did your baby sleep more poorly than most? (i.e. only sleep for short periods, or sleep and wake at the odd times?)</b>					

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<b>Six Months to Twelve Months of Age</b>	Yes, Usually True	No, Usually Not True			
	√	√	1	2	3
<b>6-12</b>					
<b>When your baby was crying, was it difficult to tell why?</b>					
<b>Did you sometimes feel your baby avoided looking at you or looked right through you during feeding?</b>					
<b>Did your baby not show he wanted “up” with his arms-even when he was fussing to be picked up?</b>					
<b>Did your baby only rarely or never babble?</b>					
<b>Did your baby mostly babble to himself, instead of babbling or talk to other? (write N/A if not babbling yet)</b>					
<b>Did your baby sometimes stare or tune out, making it hard to get his attention?</b>					
<b>Had your baby not yet developed little games or routines designed to get you to look at him, laugh at, or admire him?</b>					
<b>Could you leave your baby alone in a room while you did an errand in another room, and find that he wouldn’t fuss about it?</b>					
<b>Were you surprised to find that your baby could be wide awake in the crib, but had not cried out for attention?</b>					
<b>Did your baby often rock in his crib or play pen for hours?</b>					

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<b>18-24 Months of Age</b>	Yes, Usually True	No, Usually Not True			
<b>18-24</b>	√	√	1	2	3
<b>Did your child usually enjoy tickling and chasing, but not “pat-a-cake” or “peek-a-boo”?</b>					
<b>At times did you feel that your baby didn’t care if you were there or not?</b>					
<b>Did your toddler cry when you left, but not seem to notice much when you returned?</b>					
<b>When you were trying to get your baby’s attention, did you sometimes feel that your baby would avoid looking at you?</b>					
<b>Did your baby’s mood sometimes change suddenly for no real reason?</b>					
<b>Did your baby seem uninterested in playing with dolls or stuffed animals?</b>					
<b>Did your baby have a hard time getting used to playing with new toys, even though he/she might enjoy them when he/she got used to them?</b>					
<b>Did your baby seem uninterested in learning to talk?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem unafraid or unaware of things that were dangerous?</b>					
<b>Did your child ever wave or pose his fingers or hands when excited?</b>					
<b>Did your child walk on his/her toes, especially when excited?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem particularly fascinated with motion? (i.e. Flipping pages of books, watching water)</b>					
<b>Had you ever worried that your child couldn’t see well because he held certain things very close to his/her eyes and looked at them quite carefully?</b>					
<b>Had your child ever stopped using words he once used?</b>					
<b>Did your child ever go through a stage where he became less, rather than more interested in toys?</b>					
<b>Did your child ever stop using gestures he’s mastered, like waving “bye-bye”, blowing a kiss, or shaking head “no”?</b>					

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<b>24-30 Months of Age</b>	Yes, Usually True	No, Usually Not True			
<b>24-30</b>	√	√	1	2	3
<b>Did people ever say that your child seemed more solemn or serious than others the same age?</b>					
<b>Could your child do some things so well that it surprised you when he/she couldn't do other things?</b>					
<b>Did your child prefer toys he/she could play with the same way over and over (i.e. See N Say- pulling the string)?</b>					
<b>Does your child play with some toys in ways that aren't the main way such toys are meant to be used?</b>					
<b>Would your child go on jags of holding some small object almost constantly for hours and days at a time?</b>					
<b>Did your child often seem to understand only part of what was said to him/her?</b>					
<b>Did it seem like your child could pretty much understand what you said, but still usually would not follow directions?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem to understand most or all of what you said, but not yet speak or used only a few words?</b>					
<b>Were there words you had heard your child say, but that he/she wouldn't repeat, even if strongly encouraged?</b>					
<b>Would your toddler pull you to a desired object as his way of showing you what he/she wanted?</b>					
<b>Did your child try to get away with using as few words as possible? (i.e. said "juice" for anything to eat) (Write N/A if not at the speech stage)</b>					
<b>Was your toddler starting to use a few words, but</b>					

<b>still had no word for “Mama” or “Dada”?</b>					
<b>Did your child sometimes cover his ears with his hands, or put his fingers in his ears when things got too loud or busy?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem clumsier than others his age?</b>					
<b>Did you ever notice your child moving him/her or an object so he could look at it over and over from a particular angle?</b>					

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<b>30-36Months of Age</b>	Yes, Usually True	No, Usually Not True			
<b>30-36</b>	√	√	1	2	3
<b>Had you begun to worry that your child was not as interested in other children as you might expect?</b>					
<b>Had your child ever had a somewhat unusual thing he insisted on keeping with him? (i.e. a string, a leaf)</b>					
<b>Did your child seem unusually interested in certain mechanical things such as light switches, fans, and vacuum?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem to have unusual interests in TV viewing, for example watching rolling credits, noticing just certain commercials, or preferring programs mainly for adults?</b>					
<b>Did your child not yet imagine make believe actions or people when he/she played?</b>					
<b>Did your child ever seem to forget old words when he/she learned new words? Write N/A if not @ speech stage</b>					
<b>Did your child sometimes say words by “melody” rather than sounding them out? Write N/A if not @ speech stage</b>					
<b>Did you or anyone else feel that your child had a high pitched, sing-songy, or flat tone voice?</b>					
<b>Did your child ever echo things exactly as he/she heard them? Write N/A if not @ speech stage</b>					
<b>Did your child seem unable to learn by watching</b>					

<b>and copying others (i.e. making a toy work)?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem more perfectionistic than most other children his/her age?</b>					
<b>Did your child seem more interested than you'd expect in lining up, sorting, or piling toys?</b>					
<b>Do you feel that your child gets more upset when there are changes in his daily routine?</b>					
<b>Does your child recognize routes in the car, and get upset if you go a direction he doesn't expect?</b>					

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