



# HOWAUTISM AFFECTS

COMMUNICATION

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#### COMMUNICATION

Every day we talk to people, communicate with them, ask for help, ask for our needs, and express our feelings.

Communication is not just expressing words.

Gestures are a form of communication. Waving hand means hi. Nodding head means yes. Shaking it means No. Pulling hands means help.



#### **OUR BRAIN**

Once we perceive the information through our senses, our nerves send signals to our brain to receive the information. The brain processes it and interprets the meaning.

This may NOT be in sync for people with an autism spectrum disorder.



#### **OUR BRAIN**

There are hundreds and thousands of words that a child with autism has to understand, remember and recall.

There are also social skills that a child with autism has to integrate with communication such as how to move hands when talking, how to take turns during the conversation, how to interact, how to say the word accurately, how to read gestures, and many more on top of understanding other people.



# WHO IS THE EXPERT?

A Speech therapist is an expert in teaching Social Communication.

Having early intervention with a speech therapist will help your child improve in social communication.



### **CHARACTERISTICS**

One of the characteristics of Autism is Difficulty in Communication.
Autism is considered a neurodevelopmental disability that affects the functioning of the brain.

Once a piece of information is received, do the stimuli reach the brain and process it accurately? Do we have the same understanding as other people around us?

Or, do they process the information differently?



#### 2-WAY PROCESS

Communication is a two-way process.

One receives information and one conveys the information.

There is a give-and-take relationship happening in communication.

Once receives the information called Receptive Language. It refers to how your child understands spoken language. One conveys information, called Expressive language. It refers to how your child uses words to express himself.



### SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING

Since autism is a neurodevelopmental disability, they may perceive the world differently. People with ASD experience the world differently due to their sensory processing difficulties.

A child with autism has to process different stimuli all at once. Sounds in the background, cluttered environment, disorganized room, people talking, television on, and your voice.

With these stimuli, he may be overwhelmed resulting in hyperactivity, deregulated body, inattention, or meltdown.



#### THINK IN PICTURES

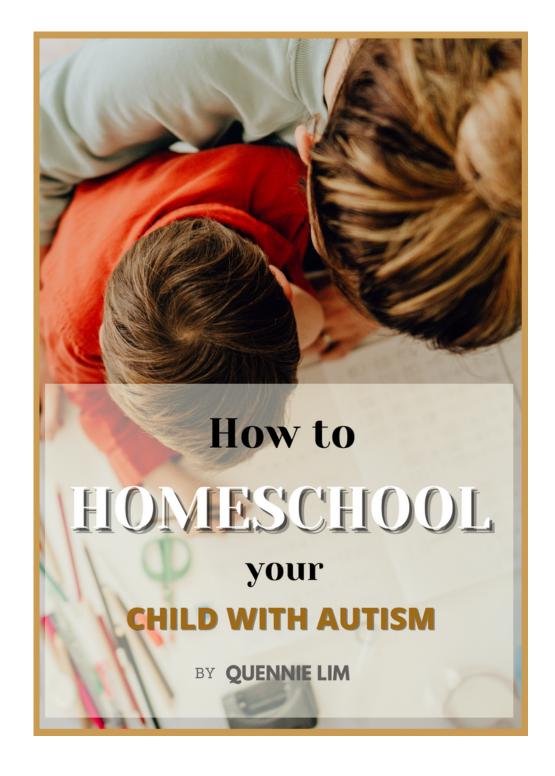
People with autism spectrum disorder think in PICTURES. Pictures are their source of strength.

When a typical person talks in continuous manner, a child with autism may not be able to receive all the spoken words since they have to use their auditory sense, (which is another challenge for them).

If a clear and understandable picture is shown, they receive the meaning more accurately.



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