

AQ-10 for children aged 4-11 | Autism Research Centre

The AQ-10 helps indicate whether someone should be referred for an autism assessment. This version is for parents or carers to complete about a child aged 4-11 with suspected autism who does not have a learning disability.

	Please tick one option per question only	Definitely agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Definitely disagree
1	S/he often notices small sounds when others do not				
2	S/he usually concentrates more on the whole picture, rather than the small details				
3	In a social group, s/he can easily keep track of several different people's conversations				
4	S/he finds it easy to go back and forth between different activities				
5	S/he doesn't know how to keep a conversation going with his/her peers				
6	S/he is good at social chit-chat				
7	When s/he is read a story, s/he finds it difficult to work out the character's intentions or feelings				
8	When s/he was in preschool, s/he used to enjoy playing games involving pretending with other children				
9	S/he finds it easy to work out what someone is thinking or feeling just by looking at their face				
10	S/he finds it hard to make new friends				

Scoring guidance

Only one point can be scored for each question.

- Score one point for "definitely" or "slightly **agree**" on questions 1, 5, 7 and 10
- Score one point for "definitely" or "slightly **disagree**" on questions 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9

If the child scores **six or above**, consider referring them for an autism assessment.

Please note that a diagnosis cannot be determined solely by a single score from this questionnaire. A formal diagnosis can only be made after a clinical assessment conducted by a trained professional.