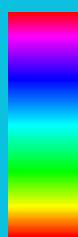


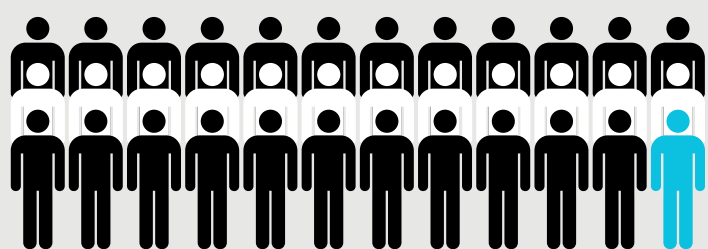
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

FUN FACTS

ASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by **difficulties in communication** and **social interaction** associated with **repetitive behaviors** and/or **interests in specific objects or themes**.

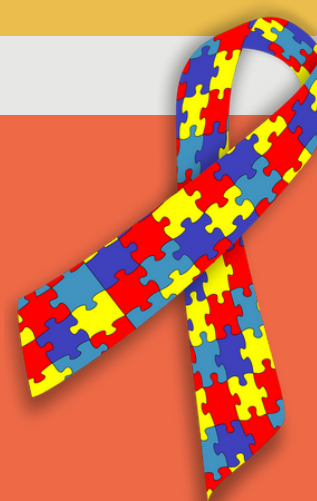


It is considered a "spectrum" because there is a wide range of symptoms, from mild to severe, which can cause difficulties in daily activities such as speaking, making friends or understanding the most common social cues.



1 in 36 children are diagnosed with ASD and the diagnosis in **boys** is **four times** more common than in girls*.

The main universal symbol of autism is the **colorful puzzle-shaped ribbon**, where the puzzle represents the **complexity of autism** and the various colors represent the **diversity of people and families living on the spectrum**.



The **color blue** is the most commonly used to represent ASD due to its higher prevalence in males. Some monuments even light up blue on April 2 to support this cause.

The ribbon is used to identify places where autistic people are welcome and where they have priority (e.g. pharmacies or supermarkets).



Although it is rarer and some symptoms are already present in childhood, **adults** can also be diagnosed with autism.

Autism **IS NOT A DISEASE**, so there is **NO CURE**, nor is there any way to prevent it.

However, there are therapeutic approaches that help develop certain skills or overcome daily challenges, such as...

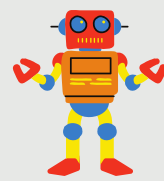
Autistic people are **not antisocial**, they just find it more difficult to make friends, which can lead them to behave in a shy or seemingly disinterested way.



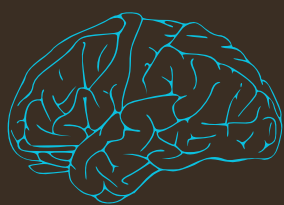
Music therapy



Animal-assisted therapy



Robototherapy

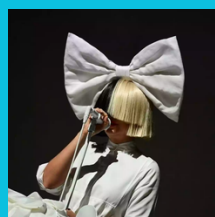


Not all autistic people have intellectual difficulties. Some show intellectual abilities within the average range and there are still cases where these abilities are above average. This is why the **diversity of the spectrum** should not be generalized.



Satoshi Tajiri - Creator of the worldwide phenomenon POKÉMON

Sia - Australian singer, songwriter, producer, director and screenwriter



Bill Gates - Founder of the software company Microsoft

Famous people diagnosed with autism

Suggestions of shows that talk about autism:

