

**Comparison of Autism and
Asperger's Syndrome**
Autism

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| 1. Prefer sameness/perseveration |
| 2. Difficulty shifting attention-Overselectivity and Overfocus |
| 3. Stimulant medication may worsen behavior |
| 4. Less developed imagination |
| 5. Less interested in Social situations |
| 6. Preference for concrete objects |
| 7. More language deficits |
| 8. Obvious sensory impairments |
| 9. Earlier and more obvious diagnosis |
| 10. Can appear will-less, as if no control of action |
| 11. Strengths are often hidden by the deficits |

Asperger's Syndrome

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| 1. Tendency to obsessive-compulsive behavior |
| 2. Add/ADHD |
| 3. Stimulant medication may improve behavior |
| 4. Overly developed imagination |
| 5. Overly social, though atypical |
| 6. Preference for factual material |
| 7. Language appears "normal" |
| 8. Subtle Sensory impairments |
| 9. Confusing and easily missed diagnosis |
| 10. Can appear willful, as if manipulative and controlling |
| 11. Deficits are often hidden by the strengths |