

CHAT - Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

Parent Questions:	Yes	No
Does your child enjoy being swung, bounced on your knee, etc?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child take an interest in other children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child like climbing on things, such as up stairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child enjoy playing peek-a-boo/hide-and-seek?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Does your child ever pretend, for example to make a cup of tea using a toy cup and teapot, or pretend other things?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to ask for something?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to indicate interest in something?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can your child play properly with small toys (e.b. cars or bricks) without just mouthing, fiddling, or dropping them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child ever bring objects over to you, to show you something?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Based on Observations:		
Will child make eye contact with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get child's attention, then point across the room at an interesting object and say "Oh look! There's a (name a toy)!" Watch child's face. Does the child look across to see what you are pointing at? (make sure actually looked at object)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get child's attention, then give the child a miniature toy cup and teapot and say "Can you make a cup of tea?" Does child pretend to pour out the tea, drink it etc? (pretending in some other game would also mean yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Say to the child "Where's the light?" or "Show me the light". Does the child point with his/her index finger at the light? (May repeat this with "Where's the teddy?" if child does not understand the word "light".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can the child build a tower of blocks? (If so, how many? _____)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Indicates critical question most indicative of autistic characteristics		
This form has been adapted from:		
Baron-Cohen, S. et. al., "Can autism be detected at 18 months? The needle, the haystack, and the CHAT," The British Journal of Psychiatry, 161, pp. 839-843, 1992.		