April is Autism Awareness Month. So, we thought we would use the opportunity to share a few facts about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as well as clarify a few myths. Test your knowledge below.

**Fact or Myth**

1. People with ASD communicate.
   - Fact

2. People with ASD don’t want social interaction.
   - Myth

3. People can be diagnosed with ASD at any age.
   - Fact

4. People with ASD have restricted interests and/or repetitive patterns of behavior.
   - Fact

5. People with ASD have an intellectual disability.
   - Myth

6. People with ASD have deficits in social communication.
   - Fact

7. Individuals with ASD do not like hugs or affections.
   - Myth

8. Individuals with ASD prefer to be alone.
   - Myth

9. A child with ASD who is verbal may have trouble with receptive language skills.
   - Fact

10. People with ASD have limited ability to emotionally connect.
    - Myth

11. There may be some comorbid conditions associated with ASD.
    - Fact

12. Some people with ASD can lead independent lives.
    - Fact