

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