



CHILDHOOD AUTISM SPECTRUM TEST (CAST)

For Children Ages 4–11 Years



CHILD INFORMATION

Child Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Current Age: _____ years

Completed By (Parent/Caregiver): _____



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS

Please answer each question by selecting YES or NO based on your child's typical behavior.

There are no right or wrong answers.

#	QUESTION	YES	NO
1	Does your child enjoy playing with children of the same age?	☐	☐
2	Does your child sometimes start conversations with you simply to share thoughts or interests?	☐	☐
3	Was your child speaking in complete sentences before the age of 2?	☐	☐
4	Does your child enjoy pretend or imaginative play?	☐	☐
5	Does your child seem to understand social rules without needing them explained?	☐	☐
6	Can your child maintain a back-and-forth conversation?	☐	☐
7	Does your child use facial expressions and gestures to communicate?	☐	☐
8	Does your child have unusually intense interests in specific topics (for example, maps, dinosaurs, trains, or technology)?	☐	☐
9	Does your child easily understand jokes, humor, or sarcasm?	☐	☐
10	Does your child tend to interpret language very literally?	☐	☐
11	Does your child have routines or rituals that must be followed exactly?	☐	☐
12	Does your child have an exceptional memory for details, facts, or numbers?	☐	☐





#	QUESTION	YES	NO
13	Does your child prefer solitary activities over group activities?	☐	☐
14	Does your child engage in repetitive movements or behaviors?	☐	☐
15	Is your child unusually sensitive to sounds, textures, lights, or other sensory experiences?	☐	☐

CAST SCORING GUIDE

For Professional Use

1. SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

Assign 1 point whenever the response reflects an autism-related trait based on the rules below.

2. SCORING RULES



SOCIAL COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Items: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

Score 1 point for:

NO



RESTRICTED INTERESTS AND REPETITIVE BEHAVIORS

Items: 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Score 1 point for:

YES

3. TOTAL SCORE

Add up all points from the 15 questions.

TOTAL SCORE: _____

4. INTERPRETATION

0–14 POINTS

Lower likelihood of significant autism-related traits.

15 POINTS OR HIGHER

Further diagnostic evaluation is recommended.



This questionnaire is a screening tool only and does not provide a diagnosis. A comprehensive evaluation by a qualified professional is required for an official diagnosis.