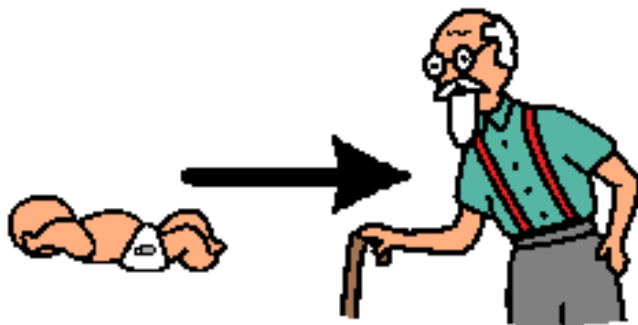


What is an autism spectrum disorder?



people with ASD



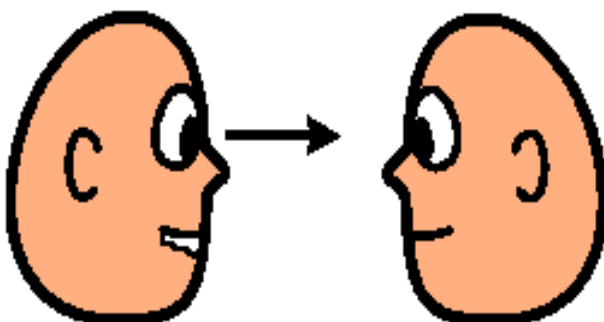
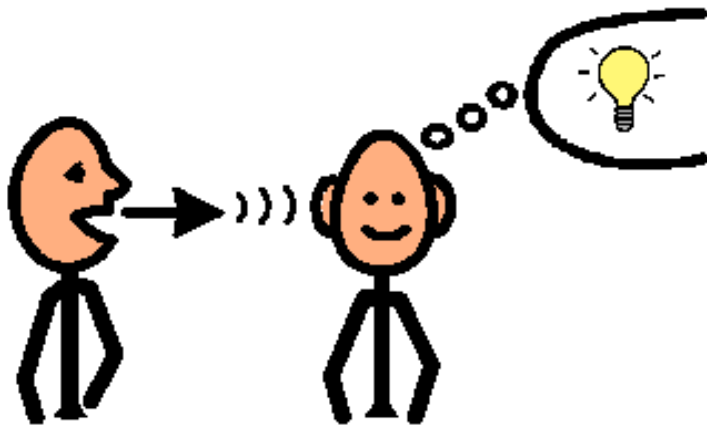
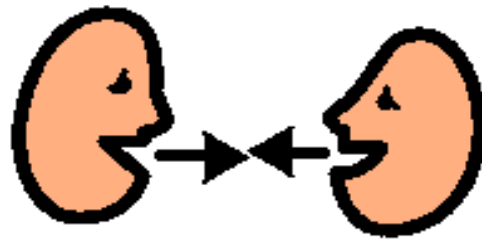
other people



Some people have an autism spectrum disorder. This is sometimes called an ASD which means the same thing.

An ASD is something you are born with and you have for your whole life.

People with an ASD look the same as other people.



People with an ASD find some things hard. They might find it hard to

- talk to other people.

- understand what other people are saying.

- look at other people's eyes when talking to them.



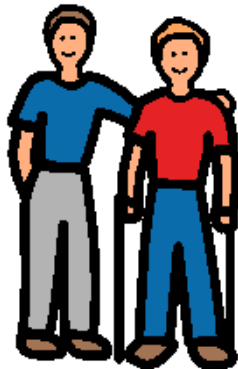
People with an ASD might also find it hard to



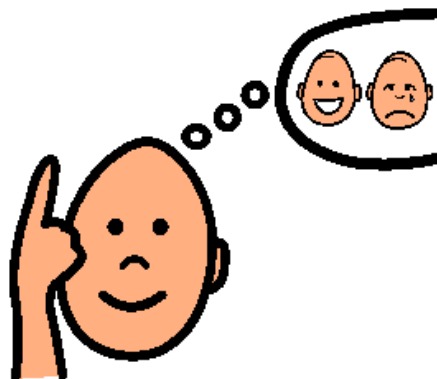
- share things.



- take turns.

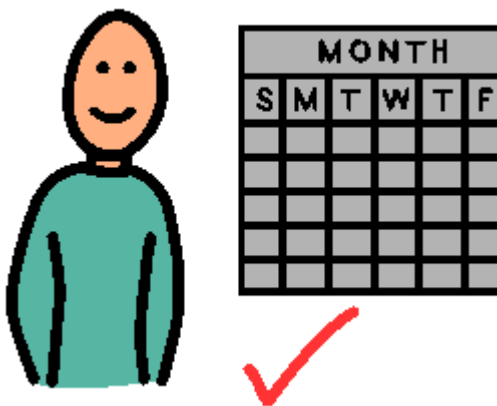
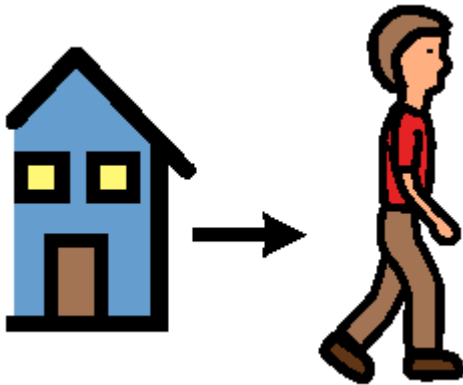
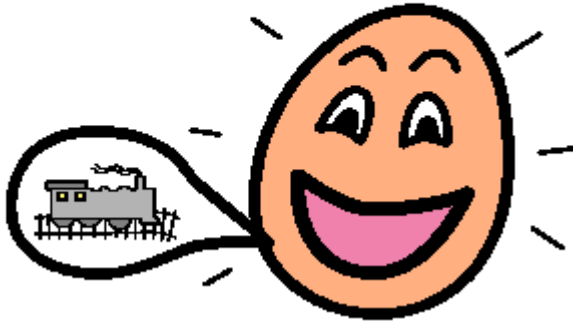


- make friends.



- understand what other people are thinking and feeling.

Some people with ASD



- have a hobby or special interest that they know lots about and like to talk about.
- find it hard to stop doing one thing and move onto doing something else.
- like to do the same thing every day or every week and do not like things to change.

People with ASD might not like

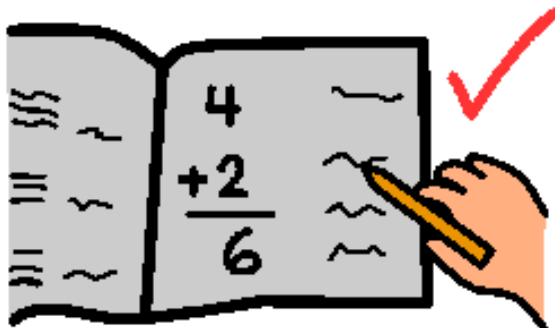
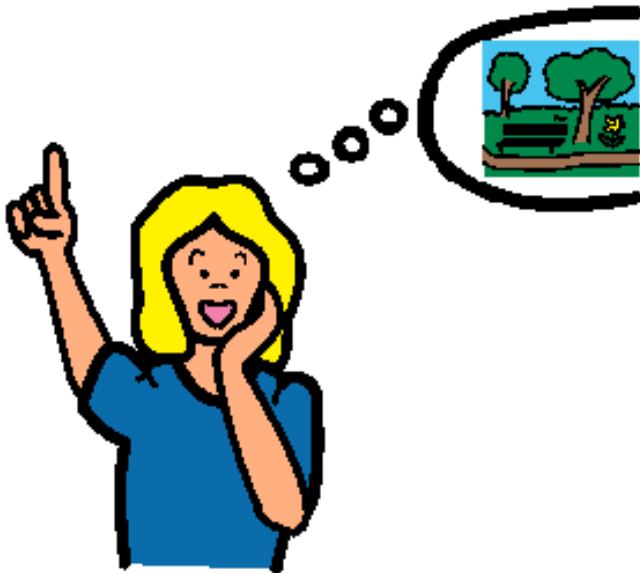


- loud noises, like fireworks.

- strong smells, like new foods.

- some feelings, like having their hair washed, brushed or cut.

Sometimes people with ASD are better than other people at things like



- telling the truth.

- remembering things, like places they have been or things they have seen.

- working carefully.