

# Myths, Misconceptions & stereotypes for Autism Spectrum Disorder.



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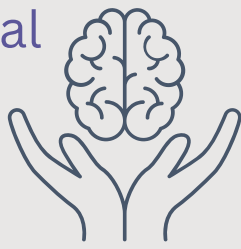
## What is ASD?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental condition that affects how a person thinks, feels, interacts with others, and experiences the world.

**Key Fact:** Autism is a spectrum, meaning every individual experiences it differently.

**Myth:**

"Autistic individuals cannot understand or participate in social interactions."



**Fact:**

People with ASD can and do engage in social interactions. They may approach them differently or need patience and clear communication, but they form meaningful relationships.

**Myth:**

"ASD negatively impacts intelligence and abilities."



**Fact:**

Autism doesn't determine intelligence. People with ASD can have average, above-average, or below-average intelligence. Many excel in various fields, including writing and publishing.

**Myth:**

"People with ASD lack empathy and emotion."

**Fact:**

Autistic individuals feel emotions deeply and can have strong empathy, though they may express it in unique ways.



**Myth:**

"Autistic people cannot live independently or have a job."



**Fact:**

With the right support, many individuals with ASD lead independent lives and have successful careers in a variety of fields.