

Asperger's syndrome ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

Disorder similar to but distinct from autism, marked by abnormal social interaction but comparatively high language skills.

Additional Information:

Children with Asperger's syndrome tend to be physically awkward and socially unskilled. Although they can often speak fluently about the few subjects that interest them, they may be unable to maintain the give and take of a normal conversation. They may also enact repetitive routines. Asperger's syndrome cannot be cured, but it can be treated with social skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy, and medication.

In school. Children with Asperger's syndrome often succeed in regular education, but they need extra support. Many have a good memory for facts, which can be praised and capitalized on. Students with Asperger's syndrome are likely to respond well to:

- consistent routines.
- a calm, matter-of-fact tone of voice.
- short, simple instructions.

For further explanation:

The [Kid's Health](#) ^[3] website contains an [article](#) ^[4] about Asperger's syndrome that explains the syndrome and identifies signs and symptoms, causes, diagnosis, and treatment.

[Division TEACCH](#) ^[5] (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children) provides [educational approaches](#) ^[6] with papers on understanding students with Asperger's, preparing a student with Asperger's syndrome for college, and other resources for teaching students with [autism](#) ^[7].

For additional educational direction, the [National Autistic Society](#) ^[8] provides [information for education professionals](#) ^[9] including lessons and resources for teachers.

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