

# Autism: Fact or fiction?

Read each of the statements below. Place either a ✓ (fact) or an X (fiction) in the box alongside each statement based on what you know about Autism.

1. We are all a little bit autistic in one way or another.
2. Autism is a mental health disorder.
3. Autism is the result of bad parenting.
4. Autism is predominately a boy/male condition.
5. All autistic children present in the same way.
6. Children with autism are not able to be empathetic.
7. Autism can be cured.
8. Autistic individuals are generally anti-social.
9. Individuals with high functioning autism are unusually intelligent and successful.
10. Children who receive a diagnosis of autism are not able to make eye contact.
11. Children often outgrow autism.
12. Girls with autism present differently to boys.
13. Autistic children are badly behaved.