

Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ)

The Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ) is used to assess social communication in children and adolescents. It is mainly used to screen for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and can be used from the age of 4. It is based on a structured interview and observes verbal and nonverbal behaviors.

Number of questions	40 questions
Estimated duration	20 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Social Communication Questionnaire
Target audience	Children, adolescents
Authors	M. Rutter, A. Bailey, C. Lord (2013)
Category	Autism spectrum

Preview of the 40 questions

Based on your observations from the last three months:

Is she/he now able to talk using short phrases or sentences?

If no, skip to question 8.

Yes No

Based on your observations from the last three months:

Do you have a to and fro "conversation" with her/him that involves taking turns or building on what you have said?

Yes No

Based on your observations from the last three months:

Does she/he ever use odd phrases or say the same thing over and over in almost exactly the same way (either phrases that she/he hears other people use or ones that she/he makes up)?

Yes No

Based on your observations from the last three months:

Does she/he ever use socially inappropriate questions or statements? For example, does she/he regularly ask personal questions or make personal comments at awkward times?

Yes No

Based on your observations from the last three months:

Does she/he ever get her/his pronouns mixed up (e.g., saying you or she/he for I)?

Yes No

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Scoring & interpretation

Each item is evaluated against a threshold; high scores signal an increased risk of ASD, requiring a more in-depth clinical evaluation.

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