



Diagnostic autism tests are administered by trained professionals and are typically part of a comprehensive evaluation. These tools include direct observation, interviews, and structured rating scales.

ADOS-2

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule Second Edition is considered one of the most comprehensive observational autism assessments available. It uses structured activities and interactions to directly observe communication, social interaction, and play behaviors. Many clinicians consider it a cornerstone tool within multidisciplinary autism evaluations.

CARS-2

The Childhood Autism Rating Scale Second Edition is a clinician rating scale that helps determine whether a child's behaviors are consistent with autism. It is often appreciated because it can be administered more quickly than some other diagnostic tools while still providing structured clinical information.

SRS-2

The Social Responsiveness Scale Second Edition measures the severity of social communication differences associated with autism. It is often used during evaluations to quantify autism related behaviors across home and school settings. The tool is useful for monitoring patterns and comparing ratings from multiple observers.

GARS-3

The Gilliam Autism Rating Scale Third Edition was designed to align closely with DSM 5 diagnostic criteria for autism. It organizes behaviors around core diagnostic features and is commonly used alongside interviews, observations, and developmental history as part of a full evaluation.

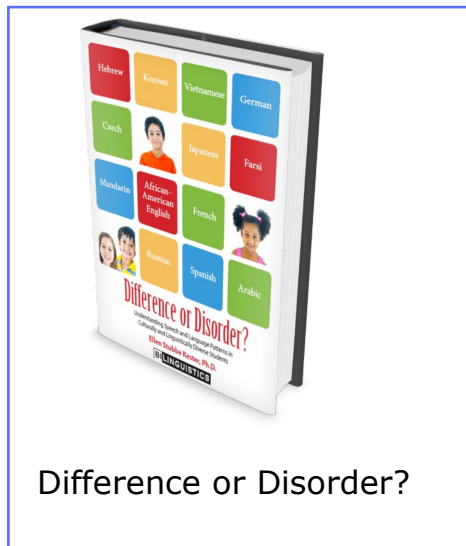
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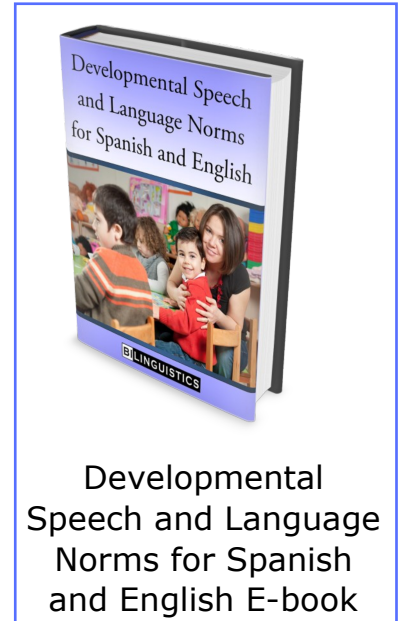
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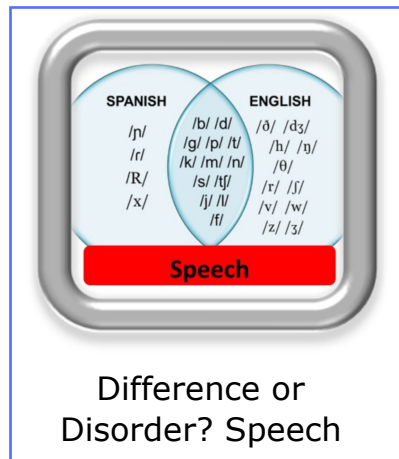
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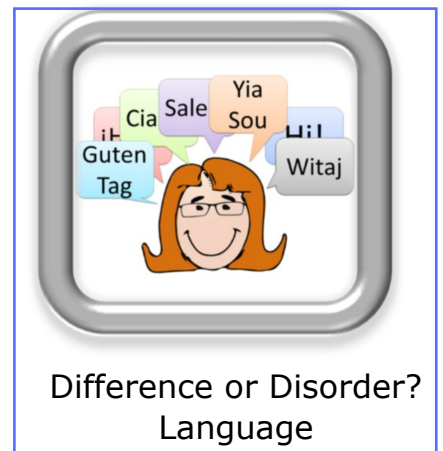
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