



Autism screening tools are designed to identify children or adults who may need a more comprehensive evaluation. They do not diagnose autism but help professionals determine whether further assessment is recommended.

M-CHAT-R/F

The Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers Revised with Follow-Up is one of the most widely used autism screening tools for toddlers between 16 and 30 months. It is a brief parent questionnaire designed to identify children who may need a more comprehensive autism evaluation. Pediatricians frequently use it during routine developmental visits because it is quick, accessible, and research supported.

CAST

The Childhood Autism Spectrum Test is designed for older children and helps identify subtle autism characteristics that may become more noticeable during the elementary years. Parents and teachers often use it when social communication concerns arise in school settings. It serves as a screening tool rather than a diagnostic measure.

STAT

The Screening Tool for Autism in Toddlers uses clinician led play activities to observe communication, social interaction, and play behaviors. Unlike parent questionnaires, STAT allows professionals to directly observe a child's responses during structured interactions. It is commonly used when developmental concerns already exist.

AQ

The Autism Spectrum Quotient is commonly used with adolescents and adults who are wondering whether they may fall somewhere on the autism spectrum. It measures traits

associated with autism such as social communication, flexibility, and attention to detail. Online versions are common but should not replace professional evaluation.

ABC

The Autism Behavior Checklist is one of the earlier autism screening tools used in educational and clinical settings. It focuses on observable behaviors associated with autism and can be completed by caregivers or educators. While simple to administer, it is best used alongside additional assessment information.

SCQ

The Social Communication Questionnaire is a parent report screening tool focused on social communication and autism related behaviors. It is widely used in research and school referrals because it aligns closely with social communication features commonly associated with autism spectrum disorder.

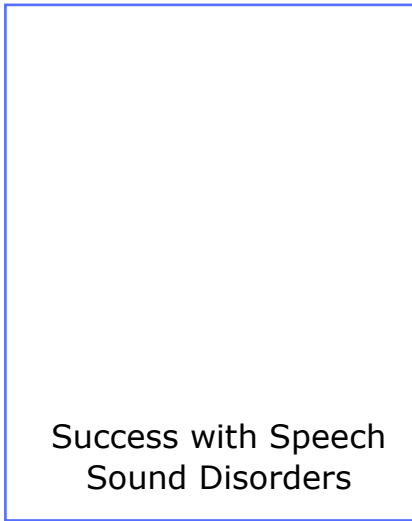
ASRS

The Autism Spectrum Rating Scales gather information from both parents and teachers to compare behaviors across settings. Schools frequently use the ASRS when considering whether a student should receive a more comprehensive autism evaluation. It provides standardized scores but is not diagnostic by itself.

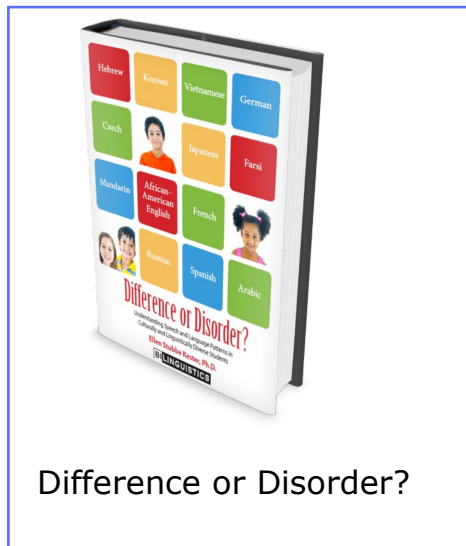
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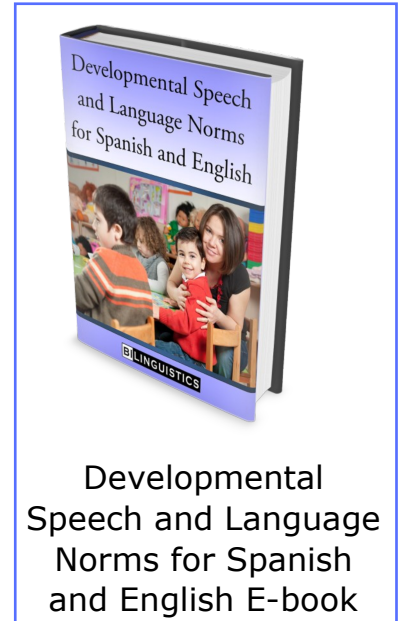
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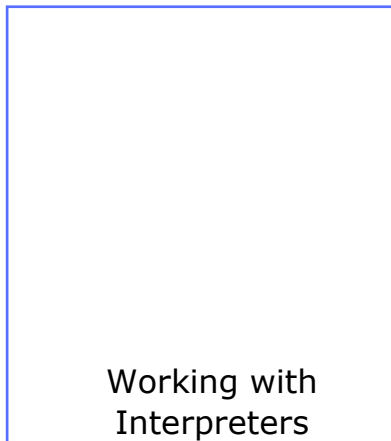
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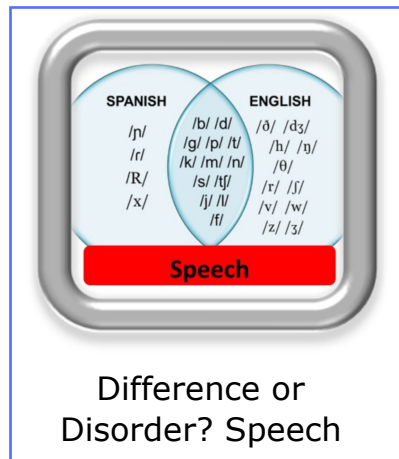
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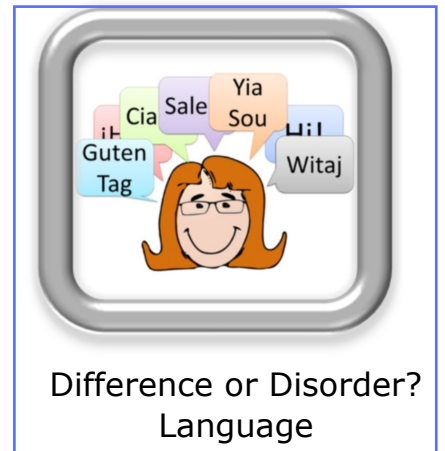
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Working with Interpreters



Difference or Disorder? Speech



Difference or Disorder? Language

