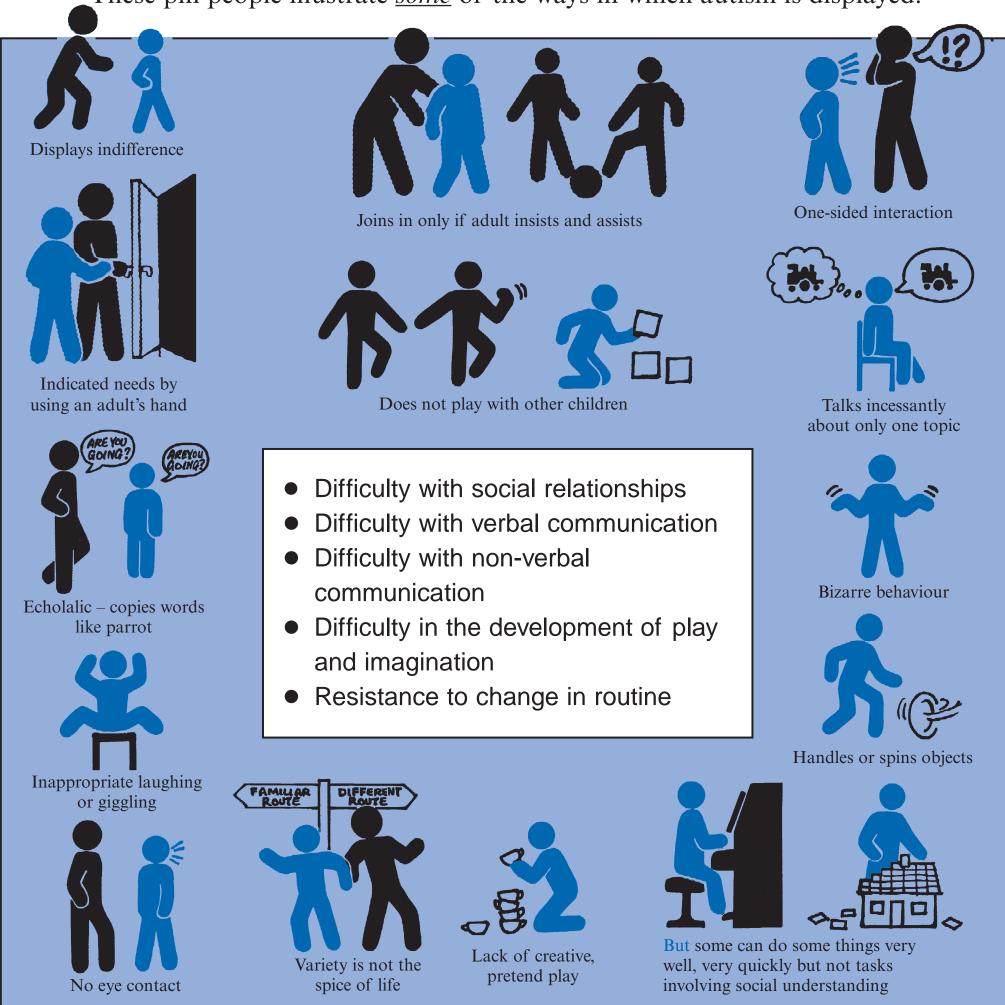
Autism is...

a complex life long disability which affects a person's social and communication skills. It is a spectrum disorder occurring in varying degrees of severity and affects more than 500,000 people in the UK today. Not all people with autism will need life-long support but the first step towards progress is recognition of the condition

These pin people illustrate <u>some</u> of the ways in which autism is displayed.



Early diagnosis is essential if people with autism are to achieve full potential. It is only when their disability is understood that they can be helped to maximise skills and minimise problems.



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