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**AVOID USING PSYCHIATRIC or JUDGMENTAL TERMS
TO DESCRIBE FEATURES OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**

AVOID:
Perseverative
Obsessed
Compulsive
Fixated
Stereotypic
Preoccupied
Socially isolated
Aloof
Inattentive
Uncaring
Overreacting
Stubborn, spoiled
Non-compliant
Unwilling
Tantrumming
Self-absorbed
Self-isolating
Egocentric
Stimming

DESCRIBE WITH THESE TERMS:

Interests:
Restricted and/or repetitive
Intensely focused
Highly liked subject/action/object/event/person
Enjoys
Fascinated
Communication and socialization:
Difficulty learning
Confused
Unusual ways
Unconventional
Doesn't understand
Restricted means
Doesn't respond
Unable to
Sensory issues:
Unusual responses
Overloaded
Bothered by
Confused by
Interested in or seeks
Bothered by or avoids
Fascinated by or needs
Moves
Needs