

Module 8: Communication and Visual Supports

Difficulties Faced by People at the Higher End of the Autism Spectrum in the Area of Communication:

- They may have a very literal understanding of language.
- They may not understand sarcasm or humour.
- They may not be able to read facial expressions.
- They may not be able to read and interpret body language.
- They will have huge difficulties making eye contact.
- They may have issues with sensory factors such as noise, smells or light impinging on their ability to stay connected to a conversation.
- People with autism can find social situations very stressful and can become very anxious as a result.