



Child's name _____
Date of birth _____
Today's date _____

Filled out by _____
Relationship to child _____

M-CHAT (*Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers*)

Please fill out the following about how your child **usually** is. Please try to answer every question. If the behavior is rare (e.g., you've seen it once or twice), please answer as if the child does not do it.

1.	Does your child enjoy being swung, bounced on your knee, etc.?	Yes	No
2.	Does your child take an interest in other children?	Yes	No
3.	Does your child like climbing on things, such as up stairs?	Yes	No
4.	Does your child enjoy playing peek-a-boo/hide-and-seek?	Yes	No
5.	Does your child ever pretend, for example, to talk on the phone or take care of dolls, or pretend other things?	Yes	No
6.	Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to ask for something?	Yes	No
7.	Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to indicate interest in something?	Yes	No
8.	Can your child play properly with small toys (e.g. cars or bricks) without just mouthing, fiddling, or dropping them?	Yes	No
9.	Does your child ever bring objects over to you (parent) to show you something?	Yes	No
10.	Does your child look you in the eye for more than a second or two?	Yes	No
11.	Does your child ever seem oversensitive to noise? (e.g., plugging ears)	Yes	No
12.	Does your child smile in response to your face or your smile?	Yes	No
13.	Does your child imitate you? (e.g., you make a face-will your child imitate it?)	Yes	No
14.	Does your child respond to his/her name when you call?	Yes	No
15.	If you point at a toy across the room, does your child look at it?	Yes	No
16.	Does your child walk?	Yes	No
17.	Does your child look at things you are looking at?	Yes	No
18.	Does your child make unusual finger movements near his/her face?	Yes	No
19.	Does your child try to attract your attention to his/her own activity?	Yes	No
20.	Have you ever wondered if your child is deaf?	Yes	No
21.	Does your child understand what people say?	Yes	No
22.	Does your child sometimes stare at nothing or wander with no purpose?	Yes	No
23.	Does your child look at your face to check your reaction when faced with something unfamiliar?	Yes	No

M-CHAT Best7 Scoring Instructions

A child screens positive, or shows **Risk for Autism**, when 2 or more “Best7” items are failed OR when any three items are failed. If fewer than 2 “Best7” items are failed, and fewer than 3 total items are failed, the result is **Low Risk for Autism**. The design of M-CHAT Best7 is to retain high sensitivity with a low false-positive rate for Autism concern. If the result of the checklist is “Risk for Autism” the corresponding M-CHAT Follow-up Interview™ should be given to obtain the most accurate responses.

Yes/no answers convert to pass/fail responses. Below are listed the failed responses for each item on the M-CHAT. **BOLD CAPITALIZED** items are “Best7” items.

Not all children who fail the checklist will meet criteria for a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. However, children who screen positive on the M-CHAT should be evaluated in more depth by the physician or referred for a developmental evaluation with a specialist.

1. No	6. No	11. Yes	16. No	21. No
2. NO	7. NO	12. No	17. No	22. Yes
3. No	8. No	13. No	18. Yes	23. No
4. No	9. NO	14. NO	19. No	
5. NO	10. No	15. NO	20. YES	