

**AVOID USING PSYCHIATRIC or JUDGMENTAL TERMS
TO DESCRIBE FEATURES OF AUTISM/PDD**

AVOID:

Perseverative
Obsessed
Compulsive
Fixated
Stereotypic
Preoccupied
Socially isolated
Aloof
Inattentive
Uncaring
Overreacting
Stubborn, spoiled
Non-compliant
Unwilling
Tantrum
Self absorbed
Self isolating

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
Avoids
Restricted means
Doesn't respond

Sensory issues:

Unusual responses
Overloaded
Bothered by
Confused by
Interested in or seeking
Fascinated by or needs