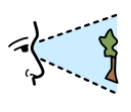
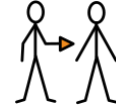
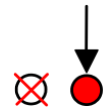




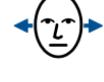
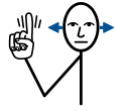
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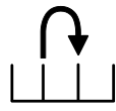
Having Autism or being an Autistic person means you may see,



hear and feel the world differently to others.



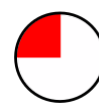
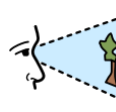
Autism is not a disease or illness and has no 'cure' and



if you are Autistic then you are this way for the whole of



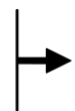
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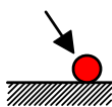







Lots of people who are Autistic see it as part of their identity.

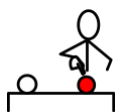


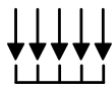







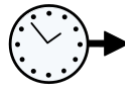

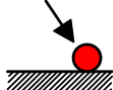




Some Autistic people need little or no support and others









may need help from a parent, family member or carer.




 There  are three  areas  many  Autistic  people  find  difficult, but

 this  does not  apply to  all  Autistic  people  and  each  person


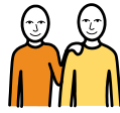
 will  have  there  own  strengths  and  difficulties.



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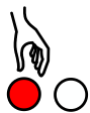


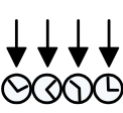
 Social  Communication:  Difficulties  understanding  non verbal  information

 like  facial  expressions





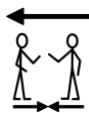

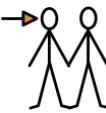
 Social  Interaction:  Difficulties  recognising the  feelings  or  others  and

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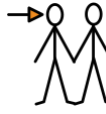



 Social  Imagination:  Difficulties  changing their mind  on  something



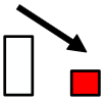

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 Some
 Autistic
 people
 may
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due to the
 difficulties
 they

 are facing.
 Learning
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