

What Autism Means, And What It Doesn't Mean

Many people have autism. Autism means many things, but there is one thing it never means.



This is a photo of Stephanie having fun. She has a very big smile. To Stephanie, autism means that she sometimes needs help to work and play with other children.

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These are photos of Alex at school.
He's wearing his favorite white shirt!
To Alex, autism means that he
goes to Mrs. VanDyne's group.





A diagnosis of autism never means what someone is going to choose to say or do next. That, of course, is up to the *person*. It's up to Stephanie. It's up to Alex. Because...





...autism isn't Stephanie. And autism isn't Alex.



