

## *What Effects Do Autism Spectrum Disorders Have On Communication?*

*Imagine for a moment being enclosed in a body and not being able to communicate; This is a harsh reality that many of the people on the spectrum face every day of their lives. Human beings need to feel, live and express themselves in the same way People with ASD.*

*The word "autism" comes from the Greek term "autos", which means "by itself." People with an autism spectrum disorder are generally self-absorbed and appear to live in a private world in which they have a limited ability to communicate and interact well with others. They may have difficulty developing language and understanding what others are saying to them. Like any person, they have feelings, although the way to process them is different.*

*If I could talk to you I would tell you:*

*First of all I am a person*

*I see and feel the world in a special way*

*My sensory perceptions are affected*

*Remember that many times it is not that I do not want, but rather that I cannot*

*Be patient with me*

*I am visually oriented when language is difficult for me*

*Look at what I can do instead of looking at what I can't*

*Love me unconditionally, especially if you are a member of my family.*