# My Sibling has Autism!



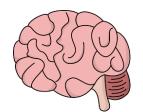
#### What is Autism?

Something your sibling was born with



No cure for it





Their brain works a little differently

They might find it hard to make friends and to keep friends





They might find it hard to understand what other people are thinking and feeling

They might prefer routines and things to be organised



They might seem to be obsessed with their favourite things and only want to talk about these, like a TV show

or video game









Theu might find things like loud noises and bright lights horrible and become upset



#### Autism can make it



Take turns during a game

to...



Wait in a queue





Cope with busy places

Understand being polite and having good manners



Understand when someone is joking



#### Cope with uncertainty or surprises



What things does your sibling find tricky							

### It can be hard supporting a sibling who has autism. Sometimes you might feel...

Jealous – because they get a lot of special attention

Ignored – because you can manage and they need more help

Happy – because your sibling is interesting and different

**Angry** – because they didn't wait their turn

**Lucky** – because you have a lot of fun together

**Sad** – because they find a lot of things difficult

## Circle some of the feelings you have had this week

Happy Angry Ignored

Loved Sad Excited

Jealous Lucky Lonely

Fed up Annoyed Calm

It's OK to have ALL of these feelings. Sometimes we feel good and sometimes we feel low Remember that you are special and loved!

