

M-CHAT Scoring Instructions

A child fails the checklist when **2 or more critical items** are failed **OR** when **any three items** are failed. Yes/No answers convert to pass/fail responses. Below are listed the *pass responses* for each item on the M-CHAT. **Bold capitalized items with an asterisk (*) are CRITICAL items.**

Not all children who fail the checklist will meet criteria for a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. However, children who fail the checklist should be evaluated in more depth by the physician or referred for a developmental evaluation with a specialist.

NOTE: The scoring key that we provide is the mirror opposite of the key you will find if you download the M-CHAT from any website but ours. The British key provides you with all the FAILED responses. This key provides you with all of the CORRECT or answers – that is, the answers that you will find for typically developing children

1. Yes
2. **YES ***
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. **YES ***
8. Yes
9. **YES ***
10. Yes
11. No
12. Yes
13. **YES ***
14. **YES ***
15. **YES ***
16. Yes
17. Yes
18. No
19. Yes
20. No
21. Yes
22. No
23. Yes