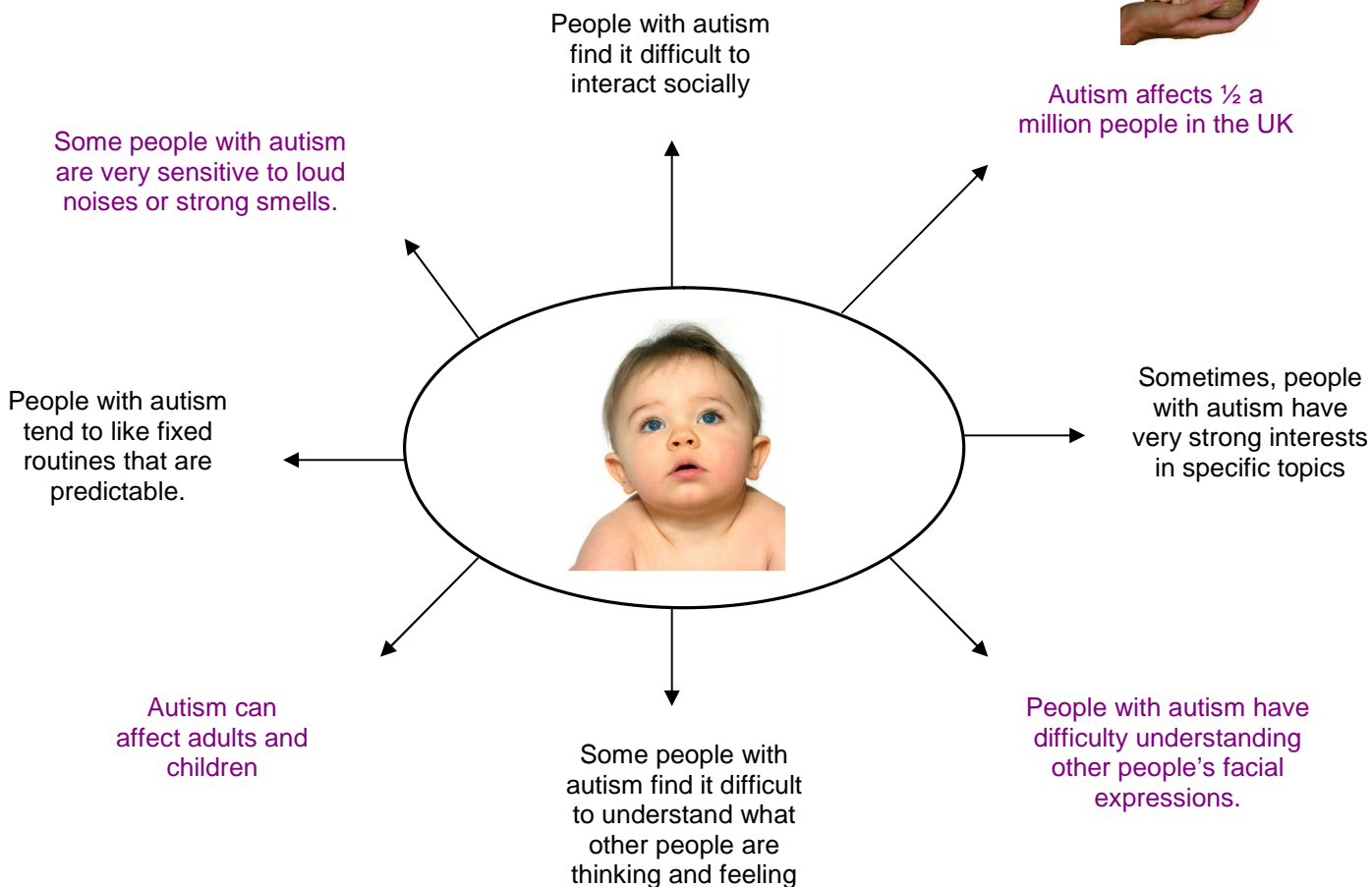




What is Autism?



Can you tell what these people are feeling, just by looking at their eyes?

Some people find this very easy and others find it more difficult. Some researchers have tried to link this to autism.



Jealous Scared Relaxed Hate



Unkind Surprised Cross Sad



Hate Surprised Kind Cross



Friendly Sad Surprised Worried

Is the brain different in autism?

There are lots of theories about why people with autism have difficulty with social interaction but no one really knows for certain. One idea is that we have some brain regions which help us understand social situations and perhaps these areas of the brain aren't working in the same way in people with autism. This is what we are trying to find out using MRI scanners.

Why is autism interesting for psychologists?

People with autism tend to have difficulty with aspects of a situation that are social, but not necessarily with other things like intelligence. Finding out more about autism can help us understand how and why typical people understand social situations as well as how to communicate with people with autism better.