

Scoring the M-CHAT autism screening questionnaire (age 16-30 months):

- each question can be a "pass" or a "fail."
- some questions are "critical" (answers in **bold caps** below).
- 2+ failed "criticals" or 3+ failed questions = needs further evaluation.
- if your questionnaire falls into this category ("needs further evaluation"), please call me to explore whether the "fails" are actually "passes."

examples:

"my child does not like climbing stairs" (fail). *however, s/he does like climbing on equipment at the playground, so that question is actually a "pass."*

"my child does not pretend to take care of dolls" (fail). *however, s/he does put an action figure into a toy truck, so that question becomes a pass.*

here are the failed answers:

1. no
- 2. NO**
3. no
4. no
5. no
6. no
- 7. NO**
8. no
- 9. NO**
10. no
11. yes
12. no
- 13. NO**
- 14. NO**
- 15. NO**
16. no
17. no
18. yes
19. no
20. yes
21. no
22. yes
23. no

remember: if your questionnaire has 2 or fewer fails
(or no more than 1 failed critical answer),
your child does **not** require any further evaluation for the autism spectrum,
unless you have concerns and want to know more!