

Tattling & Correcting Question Cards & Teaching Panels

Young people with ASD often find it hard to know when, and when not, to tell on someone or tell someone they are wrong. These teaching materials are to raise awareness about the social aspects of correcting and tattling.

Teaching Panels

These are to establish basic guidelines for making informed decisions about tattling and correcting. I suggest you keep them nearby when you are using the Question Cards.

Question Cards

I designed these 48 cards to cover a wide variety of scenarios. Some of them are “easy” and others I deliberately created to be ambiguous and thought-provoking.

This kit is also available in a screen-based, non-printable version at autismteachingstrategies.com.

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Before tattling,
ask yourself:

Is anyone
really
getting hurt?

Are *you* the one
in
charge?

Is it
really
important?



Before correcting someone,
ask yourself:

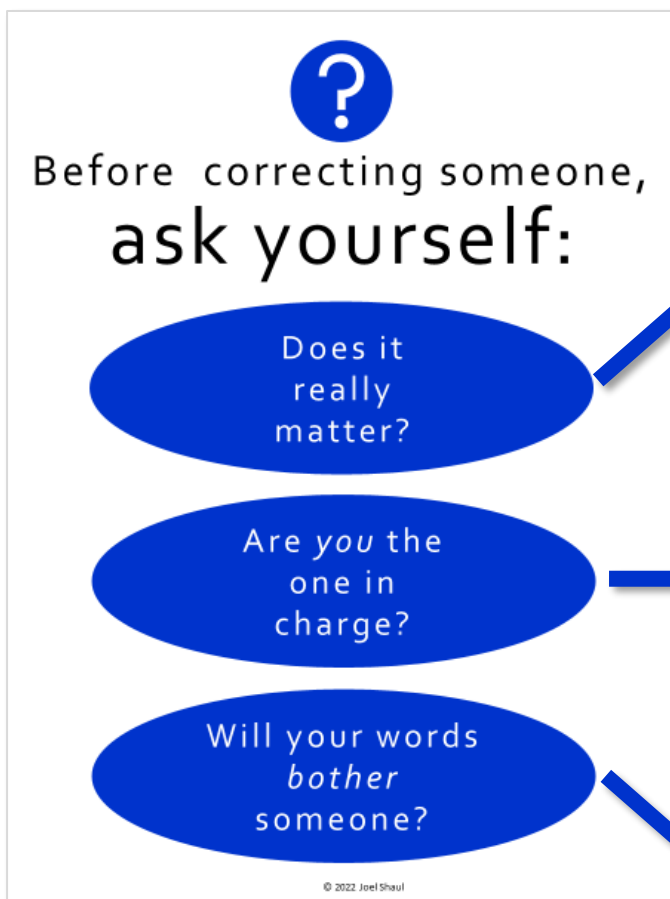
Does it
really
matter?

Are *you* the one
in
charge?

Will your words
bother
someone?

Correcting:

Telling someone they did something
or said something
wrong or incorrect.



Is this important to others,
or just to you?

Are you saying this to
be helpful, or just to
make you feel good?

Usually, *grown-ups*
do the correcting,
unless it's really important
for someone to know
what you think.

Will people think you
are bossy?

Will people think you
can't mind your
own business?

Tattling:

Telling another person that
someone did something
wrong or harmful.



Before tattling,
ask yourself:

Is anyone
really
getting hurt?



Will someone's *body*
or *feelings* get hurt
if you don't
tell on the person?

Are *you* the
one in
charge?



Is it your job to
tell on someone now,
or *are you just*
one of the kids?

Is it
really
important?



Will tattling *annoy*
someone a lot?

Is this a big deal
for other people,
or *mainly just for you*?

Tattling choices:

Should you tattle? There are choices. Think first.

You could...

...tell a grown-up right away

...say nothing at all.

*...watch and think before deciding
whether to tell.*

*...say something to the person
instead of tattling.*

*...ask someone if telling a
grown-up is necessary.*

Correcting choices:

Should you correct someone? There are choices. Think first.

You could...

..tell the person they are wrong.

...disagree in your brain, but say nothing out loud.

*...ask yourself if the other person may actually be right, or else maybe
not completely wrong.*

...talk with the person, using friendly words like:

“Did you know that what you’re doing is against the rules?”

“I think I might not agree.”

“Can I tell you what I think?”



Taylor is being teased by a boy, who keeps saying "Taylor the sailor! Taylor the sailor!" Taylor says, "Stop it now!" and the friend stops. What should you do?

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Alice admits to you that she put on the same socks two days in a row. You know that Alice's mom told her not to do that. What should you tell Alice's mom?

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Frank's mom said he has to wear his glasses all day at school. You notice that Frank takes them off a lot at school. What should you say to Frank's mom later?

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Your friend says that four years ago, he put a paper clip in the electrical outlet in the school library and it made a big spark. What should you do?

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"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, for God and my country." These are the words of the Boy Scout Oath. On the campout, Ethan heard some boys changing the words and adding some rude words about Girl Scouts. What should he do?

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You hear a boy say, "If this dumb school burned down, we could all get some rest for a change!" The whole class laughs. What should you do?

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A girl tells you that she is mad at her stepmother. The girl says she has gotten some matches and gasoline to get even with her. What should you do?

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A student is bothering you by humming to himself while you are trying to do work in class. What should you do?

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The teacher always says, "Now children! Please!" when she is mad. On the playground, kids imitate her by shouting at each other, "Now children! Please!" What should you do?

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The teacher took away recess for the whole class for a week because someone wrote "April Fools Day" on the chalk board. Your best friend is the one who wrote it, but the teacher doesn't know. What should you do?

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You notice that your mother is driving 37 miles per hour, even though the speed limit is 35. What should you say?

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Your brother saved his money and bought a phone. Your dad warned him to not use it in the bathtub, but he did anyhow, and he wrecked the phone. What should you do?

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A student finds out you hate a certain song and he keeps following you around, singing it, even after you tell him to stop. What should you do?

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The swim teacher said, "Everyone put your head under water, keep your eyes open, and blow bubbles." When your head is under water, you see that your friend left his eyes closed and he did not blow bubbles at all. What should you do?

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You hear Bob telling kids at school that his family got a gigantic, big screen TV. Later, at Bob's house, you see that he was lying. What should you tell Bob's dad?

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A new student from another country says some words differently than most people. What should you say when he says some words differently when he reads his book report?

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At your friend's house, your friend says it is okay to start up his dad's car and play the radio. Your friend promises the dad said it was okay and he gets the key. What should you do?

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At the park after school, you see some teenagers you know smoking cigarettes. You know their teachers, their principal and their parents. What should you do?

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At the outdoor pool in July, some teens are offering cigarettes to 11-year-old kids. What should you do?

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A girl in school walks with crutches because she had surgery on her leg. When the teacher is not looking, some kids make fun of the way she walks. The girl cries. What should you do?

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On the playground, some kids are making fun of the way Muslim people pray. A Muslim boy walks up and yells at them. They all say sorry. What should you do?

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You just got a new friend who is really popular. He is your favorite friend ever. You see him take a candy bar at the store and he puts it in your pocket. What should you do?

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At the park, José trips Alfred, who is running to first base when they are playing kickball. This makes Alfred's team lose. Alfred smiles and wrestles José, who is also laughing. What should you do?

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Your teacher made a mistake when he was grading your Math test, and this lowered your grade from a C to an F. What should you do?

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You see a teacher drinking from a bottle of wine in her car when she is on her lunch break. What should you do?

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You like the new principal but some kids you know are texting each other, saying they hate her. What should you do?

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Frank went to the school nurse at noon to take his pill. You notice that when he comes back to class, he spits out a pill and throws it away. What should you do?

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A boy named Steven gets all upset when people call him Steve instead of Steven. The school janitor sees him in the hallway and says, "Hi, Steve." What should you do?

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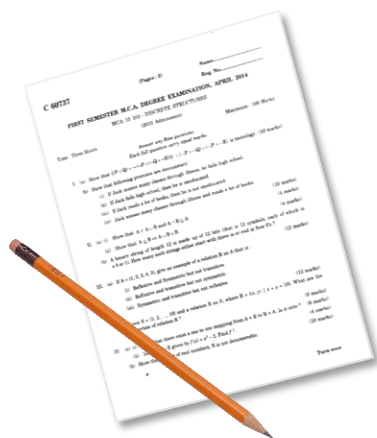
Your friend just bought a new hand-held video game. He loves it. He paid much more than you paid for the same one. What should you do?

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At the grocery, you hear two people making fun of how children love video games. How does this make you feel? What should you do?

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In class, you notice that a girl has found the answers to the test and she is passing out the answers to her friends. What should you do?

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Your friend got in trouble and the teacher wrote a note your friend is supposed to take home for his parent to sign. But he throws it in the trash. Later, when you see your friend's dad, what should you say?

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Some boys fill up a girl's boots with wads of paper. She laughs, and then steals their hats. What should you do?

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For a joke, a girl has tied a string across the bottom of a doorway so that people will trip. What should you do?

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In the school library, you hear some teenage boys talking about inappropriate websites they explore when they are at home on the weekend. What should you do?

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You have a teacher who dyes her hair. You can see a place where she did not get enough color on it. What should you do?

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When the teacher is explaining the history of Minecraft, you notice that he has said the incorrect year that Minecraft was invented. What should you do?

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When you sneeze, your friend forgets to say "Bless you." What should you do?

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The mom at the birthday party is giving out special pens for the kids to take home. There is an extra one, so the mom gives two to one girl. What should you do?

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In art class, one student is not drawing like she is supposed to, but she is reading instead. What should you do?

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A student in class is writing his report by just copying something out of a book. What should you do?

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The rule at your school is no wearing hats, but you see some kid in the hallway wearing one. What should you do?

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The gym teacher teaches Bob and Ann the right way to shoot baskets. When the teacher is not looking, Ann shoots the ball the old, wrong way. What should Bob do?

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The new teacher asks some students what time school is over at the end of the day. They tell her the wrong time. What should you do?

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In your Karate class, the new kid is making a lot of mistakes. She asks you, "How am I doing?" What should you say?

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Jennifer and Stan take pottery class together. Jennifer does it perfectly but Stan makes lots of mistakes. Jennifer tries to help Stan but Stan just won't listen. What should Jennifer do?

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At Sunday School class, Ralph and Dan were taught to not say bad words. But Dan hears Ralph say bad words all week long in school. In the next week's Sunday School class, what should Dan say to the teacher?

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Walking home from school, you hear two boys laughing and calling each other rude names. You see their mom later, and the next morning you see their teacher. What should you do?

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