

Case Study: Aanya

1. How does Aanya use and interpret language for diverse purposes?
2. How does Aanya adapt her communication to her audience or situation?
3. How does Aanya participate in conversation or storytelling?
4. How does Aanya understand, express, and regulate emotions?

Analysis of Aanya's Communication Style

1. Using and Interpreting Language for Diverse Purposes

- Aanya can use language confidently to talk about topics she enjoys and is passionate about, like animals.
- She tends to repeat phrases or bring conversations back to her preferred topic, which may make it harder for her to use language for other purposes, such as asking for help or joining group activities.

2. Adapting Communication to the Listener or Situation

- Aanya's enthusiasm about animals shows her ability to engage deeply with topics she loves.
- She doesn't always adjust her communication to match the topic or interest of her peers. For example, she continues talking about animals even when the conversation has shifted.

3. Participating in Conversation or Storytelling

- Aanya is eager to share stories and participate in activities where she can talk about her interests.
- Her stories may be brief or disjointed, often including unrelated details that others may not understand. She might not follow the neurotypical "beginning, middle, and end" structure of storytelling.

4. Understanding, Expressing, and Regulating Emotions

- Aanya is aware of when she feels upset, and her emotions show her investment in social interactions.
- She struggles to explain why she is upset or what she needs from her peers, which may result in tears or frustration when others don't play as she expects.



Case Study: Alex

1. How does Alex use and interpret language for diverse purposes?
2. How does Alex adapt his communication to his audience or situation?
3. How does Alex participate in conversation or storytelling?
4. How does Alex understand, express, and regulate emotions?

Analysis of Alex's Communication Style

1. Using and Interpreting Language for Diverse Purposes

- Alex is highly knowledgeable and able to provide detailed information about topics he's passionate about. He enjoys informing others and sharing his interests.
- He may not use language so much for other purposes, such as greeting others, requesting help, or expressing his feelings.

2. Adapting Communication to the Listener or Situation

- Alex communicates confidently about topics he knows well.
- He doesn't intuitively adjust his tone or vocabulary for his peers, speaking in a formal tone that might feel unusual to other children.

3. Participating in Conversation or Storytelling

- Alex is an excellent storyteller, sharing vivid and well-structured narratives.
- He finds it difficult to follow neurotypical conversational rules, like turn-taking, and may dominate discussions without realising.

4. Understanding, Expressing, and Regulating Emotions

- Alex shows enthusiasm and excitement about his interests.
- He may not notice when others become frustrated or disengaged, as he is focused on his own excitement.