

Prosopagnosia (Face Blindness) Symptom Checklist

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Observation of any number or combination of the behavioural symptoms below may indicate prosopagnosia in children or adults. Please note that this does not provide a “diagnosis” of prosopagnosia, but may be used to prompt more formal testing.

SYMPTOM	
Confuses characters in films, TV shows or plays.	
Unable to identify people in photographs (celebrities/family/friends/self).	
Screening for an alternative developmental disorder has been suggested, but this doesn't seem to quite “fit”.	
Appears “lost” in crowded places or at large gatherings (e.g. the playground, at a train station).	
Severity of difficulties increases in groups where everyone shares a physical characteristic (e.g. wearing uniform, same age/gender/ethnicity).	
When encountering a person who appears to be know them, asks generic questions until a cue to identity is given.	
Consistently avoids using other people's names.	
Never makes introductions (self to others, or others to each other).	
Relies on extra-facial information for identification (e.g. hairstyle or accessories).	
Confuses people who have similar extra-facial features (e.g. hairstyle) but are facially dissimilar.	
Unable to identify an unexpectedly encountered familiar person.	
Walks past/accidentally ignores familiar people in public settings.	
A relative ease in recognising people in expected contexts (e.g. a work colleague in the workplace).	
Believes that others are extraordinarily good at face recognition.	
Struggles to imagine a familiar person's face or is unable to describe a face.	

SOURCE: [Murray, E., Hills, P.J., Bennetts, R.J., & Bate, S. \(2018\). Identifying hallmark symptoms of developmental prosopagnosia for non-experts. *Scientific Reports*, 8, 1690.](#)