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Why Understanding Autism Matters

Directions: Fill in the chart below to synthesize information from "My Life With Autism" and "My Brother Has Autism" to explore why it is important to understand autism. We filled in one answer for you.

Question	Answer	Source (check one or both)
1. How many children in the U.S. have autism spectrum disorder?		<input type="checkbox"/> "My Life With Autism" <input type="checkbox"/> "My Brother Has Autism"
2. What challenges are associated with autism?	People with autism can have trouble speaking, moving in certain ways, expressing their emotions, and understanding the emotions of others.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "My Life With Autism" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "My Brother Has Autism"
3. A misconception is a wrong or mistaken idea. What misconceptions exist about people with autism?		<input type="checkbox"/> "My Life With Autism" <input type="checkbox"/> "My Brother Has Autism"
4. How might understanding what autism is help you be a better friend to someone with autism?		<input type="checkbox"/> "My Life With Autism" <input type="checkbox"/> "My Brother Has Autism"