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When I was about 9, my parents told me I had autism. In year 4, I gave a speech about my condition and I answered some questions and the head teacher loved it and cried tears of joy. So I’m writing this for other people with autism.

Autism is a condition that makes you behave a bit differently some people have a rare condition called PDA (pathological demand avoidance). I also do ELSA (emotional literacy support assistance). This helps me read other people’s body language.

Sometimes I think I’m in a video game. Also, when something breaks, I use it for something else. I find making friends hard. When there is a new bed, a new room or something, I find it hard not to take notice. I would not call it bullying, but sometimes people struggle understand my differences and are mean without knowing it.

My mum says it makes me special. It helps me focus and see the world differently. My autism makes me confident in a whole new way. This helped me solve the “hard” puzzle rubber cube.

Sometimes it makes me happy sometimes it does not.

Pro: books about autism, so called power, I look so awesome.

Con: I’m easily annoyed, people don’t understand me, and I’m different in some good ways and bad ways.

Hobbies: Origami, toy collecting, jumping, super zing collecting, being me, gaming and exploring.

Art: I made my own art and hanged some up on my wall.

Others: Autism is not rare, I know three people with it (four if you include me).

Thank you. I hope that this presentation helps other autistic people like me