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Video: What autism teaches us about normal development

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Some of the most profound mysteries of human nature relate to how we communicate and interact with each other. **Matthew Belmonte**, assistant professor of human development at Cornell University, talks about how studying people with autism — from their problems in joint attention to their remarkable attention to detail — can help understand these aspects in healthy people.

Belmonte is part of a collaboration that's using a video game, called **Astropolis**, to test the perceptual, attentional, social and cognitive abilities of people with autism all at once, rather than the piecemeal studies typically done. He discussed this project at a Sunday afternoon session at the **Society for Neuroscience meeting** in Chicago.