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## **How is the knowledge of everyday events related to communication in autism spectrum disorder?**

In our day-to-day lives, we experience a continuous series of events, such as getting ready for work or school in the morning, writing an email, and going grocery shopping. Although people generally have a good understanding of the pattern of activities that make up everyday events, some individuals have less typical knowledge of these patterns. Previously, I found that higher levels of autistic traits, particularly higher levels of social communication difficulties, are related to less typical knowledge of how events unfold over time. Currently, I am investigating how this knowledge is related to pragmatic language skills, such as making inferences, in autism spectrum disorder. Some autistic individuals struggle with pragmatic language skills, yet these skills are necessary for effective social communication. My research will ideally add to our understanding of the ways in which autistic individuals communicate differently than non-autistic individuals.