

# Unlocking the Silence of Autism: Lions, Bears, and the Transformative Power of Letters

Autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects social interaction, communication, and behavior, has long been shrouded in mystery and misunderstanding. But through the groundbreaking and innovative approach of Lions Bears Math (LBM), the walls of silence that often surround individuals with autism can be breached, revealing a world of potential and possibility.

LBM was created by Barry Garelick, a renowned special education teacher and autism advocate. Inspired by his own son's struggle with autism, Garelick embarked on a journey to find a way to communicate with and teach his son, who was nonverbal at the time. Through years of experimentation and collaboration with other professionals, LBM was born.



## LIONS, BEARS, & MATH...unlocking the silence of Autism one letter at a time

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The LBM method is based on the premise that individuals with autism have a unique way of understanding and processing information. By utilizing a systematic and visual approach, LBM helps students to bridge the gap between their internal world and the external environment, empowering them to communicate their thoughts and emotions.

## **The Lions Bears Math Approach**

LBM consists of three main components:

- **Lions:** Represent the letters of the alphabet. Each letter is assigned a specific color, shape, and sound. This visual and tactile approach helps students to associate letters with their corresponding sounds and meanings.
- **Bears:** Represent words. Each word is made up of a series of lions that are connected together. By combining lions in different ways, students can create an infinite number of words, unlocking their potential for communication and expression.
- **Math:** Provides a structured framework for learning and organization. Math principles are used to teach students about sequencing, patterns, and problem-solving, which are essential skills for everyday life.

## **Benefits of Lions Bears Math**

LBM has been shown to have numerous benefits for individuals with autism, including:

- **Improved communication:** LBM provides students with a tangible and meaningful way to express themselves. By using lions and bears to represent letters and words, students can overcome the challenges

of verbal communication and participate more fully in social interactions.

- **Enhanced literacy:** LBM teaches students the fundamentals of reading and writing in a way that is both engaging and accessible. Through hands-on activities and repetitive practice, students develop a strong foundation in phonics, vocabulary, and grammar.
- **Increased social skills:** LBM promotes social interaction and collaboration by providing students with a shared language and common learning experiences. Through group activities and peer support, students learn valuable social skills such as turn-taking, problem-solving, and empathy.
- **Reduced frustration and anxiety:** LBM provides a predictable and structured learning environment that can help to reduce frustration and anxiety for individuals with autism. By breaking down complex concepts into smaller, more manageable steps, LBM empowers students and fosters a sense of accomplishment.

## **Lions Bears Math in the Classroom**

LBM is a versatile approach that can be implemented in a variety of educational settings, including special education classrooms, regular education classrooms, and home-based learning environments. Teachers and parents can use LBM to:

- Teach basic literacy skills, such as letter recognition, phonics, and vocabulary
- Support students with communication difficulties, such as those with autism, apraxia, or selective mutism

- Provide a structured and predictable learning environment that reduces anxiety and promotes success
- Foster social interaction and collaboration among students with diverse learning needs

## **Lions, Bears, and the Future of Autism Education**

The Lions Bears Math approach has the potential to revolutionize the way we teach and support individuals with autism. By embracing the unique learning styles of these individuals and providing them with a tailored and accessible learning environment, LBM opens up a world of possibilities for communication, literacy, and social interaction.

As LBM continues to gain recognition and acceptance, it is our hope that more educators, therapists, and parents will embrace its transformational power. Together, we can unlock the silence of autism and empower individuals with this disFree Download to reach their full potential.

To learn more about Lions Bears Math and how it can benefit you or your loved one, please visit the Lions Bears Math website at [www.lionsbearsmath.com](http://www.lionsbearsmath.com).

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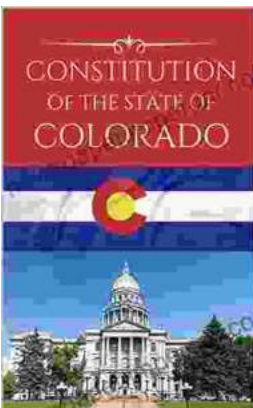
- Image 1: A photo of Barry Garelick, the creator of Lions Bears Math
- Image 2: A photo of a child using Lions Bears Math to learn about letters
- Image 3: A photo of a group of children using Lions Bears Math to create words and sentences



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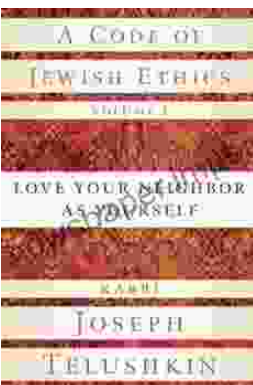
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