

Awkwardism and If You Have It:



1. You stand weird. Your back slightly curves and it looks, well, awkward. You are. You make it show that even your backbone doesn't know what being normal is.

2. Dating is a no-go. You worry enough about yourself; you don't need another person to.

3. You say sorry. A lot. At everything. Scenarios that will and do go down: someone bumps you in the hallway: sorry. You run into a wall (that came out of nowhere): sorry. You drop a Cheeto on the floor: sorry.

4. Eye contact is the actual worst. You just can't. Looking someone directly in the pupil is basically exercise. Painful, yet necessary.

5. You're red faced a trillion times a day. Like red-engine red. Like red-cherry-tomato red Like face-is-catching-on-fire-stop-drop-and-roll red. Pink is not a colour you know, it's red

6. Being silent is your language. If you don't open your mouth, it's impossible to say stupid things because you. Never. Forget Stupid things you've done.

7. You're clumsy, see that devilish paper clip on the floor? You're going to trip on it. Period

8. What are words? If in front of people you sound like: "uh", "um", followed by harsh swallowing. The last stage of language development and you aren't the best of buds in front of people.

9. If you're placed in a group (I need a moment to calm my heartbeat.) (Okay.. I'm good.) you stay silent and do the work Talking and presenting in front of the class Your teachers are a bunch of Loony Toons Who do they think you are? Some sort of extrovert? Abort! Abort!

10. You'll learn to cope. It's hard, but after a while awkwardness is just an annoying thing you laugh at. It'll get better. (Maybe...)

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