

ABSTRACT

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This research analyzed the identification of Asperger's Syndrome experienced by Nathan in *A Brilliant Young Mind (X+Y) (2014)* movie. Nathan is a nine-year-old boy who grew up with one of the Autism Spectrum Disorder types called Asperger's Syndrome because he showed two out of three main characteristics in the movie with six sub-characteristics included. With these essential characteristics, Nathan tends to have difficulties in mingling with society. The aims of this study are 1) to find out the types of autism spectrum disorder that Nathan has, which is depicted in the movie, 2) to identify the characteristic of Asperger's syndrome that shows in *A Brilliant Young Mind (X+Y) (2014)* movie. The data in this research were taken from *A Brilliant Young Mind (X+Y) (2014)* movie and script directed by Morgan Matthews. In analyzing this research, the researcher used the theory from Emmons & Anderson (2005) to analyze the types of autism spectrum disorder, while Mesibov, Shea & Adams (2001)'s theory is used to analyze the characteristics of the Asperger's Syndrome of Nathan. This research used the qualitative method—the findings two significant conditions. First, Nathan belongs to Asperger's Syndrome, which can be identified by the two characteristics shown in the movie, such as qualitative impairment in reciprocal social interaction and restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities. Second, there are six sub-characteristics of the Asperger's Syndrome that Nathan has; impairment in multiple nonverbal behaviors, difficulty in building a friendship, a shortage of sharing pleasure, readability, or achievement with others, shortage of social or temperamental retaliation, routines or ritual which never change, and interest in parts of some objects.

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