

# ABA SUPPORTER BINGO

"But <i>our</i> ABA is play-based!"	BCBA Insists Autistic Person Doesn't Know What They're Talking About	"Not <i>all</i> ABA!"	Evidence-Based	"My child is allowed to say 'no' sometimes."	Reactionary Defensive Comments From Parent Who Doesn't Realize Their Child's Therapy isn't ABA, But is Just Fraudulently Called ABA for Insurance Purposes	"But <i>our</i> ABA isn't abusive!"
"You <i>must</i> be high-functioning if you can have this conversation!"	"I'm in the room during sessions and I don't see any abuse!"	"You don't speak for <i>my</i> child!"	Accuses Autistic Person of Not Wanting Autistic Kids to Ever Learn or Grow (Even Though You CAN Learn & Grow Without Being Traumatized By ABA)	"But that therapist wasn't an <i>ethical</i> therapist. What I do is <i>totally</i> different." (Even though it's not.)	"My child will never say I love you/go to prom/get married/etc."	"Autism is a <i>spectrum!</i> " (Believes "spectrum" means "scale")
"Well, <i>that</i> therapist was just poorly trained!"	"But ABA is science!"	Uses Functioning Labels (mild, severe, etc.)	Curebie	Mentions Fecal Matter (i.e. "poop")	"But <i>modern</i> ABA isn't like that!"	"Everyone has to learn to comply in society! There are laws and rules!"
"Well, what else are we supposed to do?!"	SKILLS	Tone-Policing		Works With Autistic People and Therefore an Expert	BEHAVIORS	"But I had ABA and I'm fiiiiine!"
Says "Non-Verbal" When They Mean "Non-Vocalizing"	"That's not <i>real</i> ABA!" (And can't/won't define "real" ABA.)	"But aversives aren't used anymore!" (Even though they are.)	Not Like My Child	Ableist Slur (moron, idiot, stupid, etc.)	"It's not compliance therapy! It's not trying to change the autistic child!" (Even though it rewards child for not doing things that autistic people do.)	Newly-Minted BCBA Offers Unsolicited Opinion on ABA, Pretending to Be an Expert
"But ABA helped <i>my</i> child!"	"You must not have a child with autism."	"My child can play a board game for 30 minutes now!" (or some other arbitrary task)	"All children need discipline. Learning right and wrong isn't abuse!"	Mentions Child Being Violent (When child is likely just reacting to an overwhelming situation - behavior is communication.)	"I don't want to <i>cure</i> my child, I just want them to be <i>more normal.</i> "	"It's the only therapy our state will pay for!"
Demands Use of Person-First Language Because That's Their Main Takeaway From Article Discussing Abusive Therapies Which Give Children PTSD	Defends ABA, But Has Never Heard of Lovaas and/or "The Me Book"	"My niece's babysitter's step-cousin has autism. I know ALL about it!"	"My kid loves their therapist!"	"We don't use labels."	"You just don't want to follow society's rules!"	"What about SEVERELY autistic people?"