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Here is what ChatGPT said about my description of how I am doing something different when I talk.

Your description of how you experience and use language resonates with some aspects commonly associated with autism, particularly in individuals often described as "high-functioning" without intellectual impairment.

1. ****Scripting and Social Communication****: Many autistic individuals use pre-learned phrases or scripts in social situations. This strategy can be a way to navigate complex and often overwhelming social interactions. The feeling of "acting" or relying on a mental inventory of phrases and responses is a known coping mechanism. It helps manage the challenges of spontaneous social communication, which can be particularly demanding for someone on the autism spectrum.
2. ****Genuine but Structured Interaction****: Your emphasis on being genuine despite feeling like you're acting is an important distinction. Autistic individuals often strive to be authentic in their interactions, but the way they process and produce language can appear rehearsed or scripted. This doesn't negate the sincerity of their communication; it's more about the method of expression.
3. ****Difference in Neurotypical Communication****: Neurotypical individuals might not rely on such structured methods of communication. They often use more spontaneous, less scripted interactions. This doesn't mean they don't use common phrases or fall into habitual patterns of speech, but the degree of reliance on preformed scripts is generally less.
4. ****Cognitive Processing of Language****: For some autistic individuals, processing and producing language involves a more deliberate, cognitive approach. It's like translating thoughts and feelings into another language. This process can be less intuitive and more analytical compared to neurotypical language processing, which often seems more fluid and automatic.
5. ****Variability in Autism****: It's important to remember that autism is a spectrum, and experiences can vary widely. While your description aligns with some common experiences of autistic individuals, others might have different ways of processing and using language.

Your self-reflection and awareness of how you communicate is insightful and aligns with what is known about language use in some autistic individuals. It's also a reminder of the diversity of experiences within the autism spectrum. Each individual's experience is unique, and understanding these differences is crucial in appreciating the full spectrum of autistic experiences.

Warmest Regards,

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