

# RO25 Life Stages (LO1)

#### **GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT -.**

**Growth** → Increasing in size (Height, weight, age). We can measure this in numbers.

**Development** → Learning new skills and abilities (walking, talking)

Milestone → What an average person can do at a certain age



## **5 AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT**

■ PILES help us identify specific problems that service users may experience so we can help them

**Physical**→ Growth and other physical changes that happen to our body throughout life

**Intellectual** The development of language, memory and thinking skills.

**Language**→ Level of understanding of language, vocabulary, and ability of structuring sentences

**Emotional**→ The ability to cope with our feelings about ourselves and others and developing our identity.

**Social**→ The ability to form friendships and relationships and to learn to be independent

# FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

These are part of physical development and they can develop differently at each life stage.

Gross motor skills → controlling large muscles in their torso, arms, legs, hands and feet.

Fine motor skills → important for controlling and coordinating movement of small muscles in the fingers and hands.

**Identify** which of the following are fine (F) or gross (G)

- ☐ Using a knife and fork
- Doing star jumps ■ Building Lego
- Riding a bike
- ☐ Jumping on the trampoline
- Writing an essay

# CHILDHOOD (5-10 Years old)

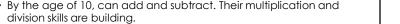
PILES development in childhood...

# Physical →

- The body grows taller and gains weight,
- Motor skills develop further; hand-eye coordination & balance.
- Muscles and bones become stronger as muscle tissue increases.
- Baby teeth fall out and permanent teeth begin to grow.

#### Intellectual →

- Can usually count by the age of 7. They do not understand the logic of mass, volume etc.
- By the age of 10, can add and subtract. Their multiplication and division skills are building.



## Language →

- Learning to structure sentences and improve speech
- Learn new vocabulary and able to have conversations with others

#### Emotional →

- Develop relationships with other children
- Understands responsibility/can feel guilty
- · Develops self concept

## Social →

- Learn how to behave when with others
- Make friends outside the home and chose their own friends.
- KNOWLEDGE CHECK Q: Evaluate how playing in the playaround would affect each area of PILES development

# **ADOLESCENCE (10-18 Years old)**

PILES development in adolescence...

#### Physical →

- Puberty changes in primary & secondary sexual characteristics
  - Girls 10-13yrs Boys 12-15yrs

## Intellectual →

- Abstract thought develops
- Understands consequences & alternate points of view.

## Lanauaae →

- Use complex sentences with wide range of vocabulary
- Articulate complex thoughts

## Emotional →

- · Increased awareness of self-image and self-esteem
- Range of emotions due to fluctuations in hormones

#### Social →

- Increased independence
- Wider use of social networking and social media
- More likely to form informal relationships
- KNOWLEDGE CHECK Q: List the primary and secondary sexual characteristics during puberty in both sexes.

# **FACTORS AFFECTING DEVELOPMENT**

Sometimes aspects out of our control can affect development. →

Good qualifications & job
Family influences/ diet
Hormonal changes
Mental wellbeing at home / school / work
If they are safe/secure
Effects causing birth defects
Traumatic experiences
Many PILES changes
Financial implications & loss of identity / confidence
Traumatic and stressful event

# Q - How can bereavement affect a child?

# Adulthood (18-65 Years old)

PILES development in adulthood...

# Physical →

- In early adulthood people reach physical maturation and their physical peak.
- In middle adulthood, may notice signs of ageing and onset of menopause.
- In later adulthood, may become more prone to ill health and osteoporosis.

# Intellectual >

- Further opportunity to develop such as university or further learning.
- Memory improves up until 25-30
- Life experience allows for logical thinking in complex situations

# Language →

- Fluent in spoken language
- Expanding vocabulary through work, hobbies and socialising
- May decide to learn a new language in adult life

#### Emotional →

- Fully formed self concept & if they've met someone, established self-esteem
- May become a parent/grandparent which can provoke many emotions
- "Empty nest syndrome" when children leave home

## Social →

- Children may prevent socialization, but it is important at this age to prevent social isolation.
- Older adults suffer social isolation if friends have deceased.
- KNOWLEDGE CHECK Q: Explain the problems with having this life stage with such a broad age range.