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# **Childhood: Cognitive Development**

#### Jean Piaget's Stages Of Cognitive Development

### Sensorimotor Stage (Birth - 2 Years)

- simple motor responses to stimuli
- no object permanence
- little language usage initially
- egocentric thinking (views world from own perspective)

#### Preoperational Stage (2 Years – 7 Years)

- lacks operations (reversible mental processes)
- no concept of conservation
- egocentric thinking
- uses symbols (language) to discover, store, and manipulate patterns
- exhibits animism (reacts to objects as though they were alive)

#### Concrete Operational Stage (7 Years – 11 Years)

- understands concept of conservation
- abstract thought is difficult
- classification abilities improve
- very hands-on oriented (best learning style)

#### Formal Operational Stage (11 Years – Onward)

- understands abstract thoughts and hypothetical situations
- inductive thought (reasoning from past to future)
- deductive thought (discovering conclusions hidden in known facts)
- excessive faith in own ideas

#### Mary Ainsworth's Patterns Of Attachment

#### Secure Attachment (70%)

- exhibit balance of needing to explore and need to be close
- accept comfort during times of stress from adults

#### Avoidant Attachment (15%)

- exhibit a passive, timid demeanor
- avoid or ignore adults when in need of nurturing

#### Resistant Attachment (15%)

- exhibit a defensive manner of behavior
- rejects adult nurturing (easily upset, never satisfied)

## Disorganized Attachment (not determined by Ainsworth)

- exhibit inconsistent behavior
- seem confused and act in contradictory ways