





Stages of Development

Age – (approximate)	4-5	5-6
<p>Social/Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Children are still egocentric (see the world revolving around only themselves). They begin to have stronger friendships - usually with children of the same sex and are just beginning to be able to see things from another's point of view.</p>	<p>By age 5 to 6 children are more curious about others, are making friends with more children and trying new ways of joining in with groups of children. They are learning how to choose friends, deal appropriately with challenges with friends and how to be a friend. Children are also beginning to learn empathy at this stage.</p>
<p>Cognitive/Intellectual Development</p> 	<p>Most children still have "magical thinking. Thinking is not yet logical. Memory and imagination are developing.</p>	<p>Children develop more problem solving skills and are beginning to develop logical thinking. Children construct their knowledge through concrete learning.</p>
<p>Language Development</p> 	<p>Children enjoy stories and like to play "pretend." They may understand that the written words tell the story, not just the pictures. Children may "scribble" forms that look like letters. Many can say their ABC's and some know names and sounds for letters. They are learning new words all the time – talking and asking many questions.</p>	<p>By age 5 and 6 children may know words by sight, be able to sound out words and begin reading. Children continue to learn the meaning of new words and begin speaking clearly with proper speech patterns. Children write more letters and begin writing words by using sounds they know.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">Ernst Vikne ShareAlike 2.0 Generic (CC BY-SA 2.0)</p>	<p>Children can dress and use the bathroom by themselves. Large motor skills are still developing. Small motor skills (for example: writing & cutting) are beginning to develop. At age 4 children draw to represent objects. They create with the intention of wanting to make a specific object.</p>	<p>Children have more control of large and small motor skills. Correct written form and spacing of letters appears more often. By age 5 or 6 children have more control and develop their own style of drawing and creating. Pictures and images become more complex and detailed. Children learn to create different forms of artwork.</p>