

Physical Stages of Development

In order to understand Developmental Psychology, we first need to understand how the physical body and brain develop. Follow the directions below and use the textbook to complete each section on the opposite page. The number of terms and where to find them in *Unit 9* can be found in parenthesis under each category.

1. Sketch a visual representation for each group/physical stage.
2. Listed below are the physical abilities, vocabulary, and changes that occur within each group. Determine in which stage of development they belong. **Words in bold font should be defined in your own words.**

- **Zygotes**
- Sequence more predictable than timing
- **Dementia**
- Crawling
- **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**
- Visual sharpness decreases
- **Menopause**
- Rapid brain growth in frontal lobes
- **Primary sex characteristics**
- Fewer short-term illnesses, but more life-threatening ones
- **Puberty**
- Sequence more predictable than timing
- **Embryo**
- **Pruning Process**
- Turning toward human voices
- **Fetus**
- Muscle strength and stamina diminishes
- **Maturation**
- **Rooting**
- Reaction time decreases
- Limbic system development
- **Infantile Amnesia**
- **Teratogens**
- Brain may atrophy (deteriorate)
- **Secondary sex characteristics**
- Recognizing mother's scent
- Rapid brain growth in frontal lobes

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