

Brain Development at Different Ages

Ages 6-7	Ages 8-10	Ages 11-13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to express thoughts and feelings in detail • Using language to socialize • Learn to question things • Gradual increase in attention span • Learning takes place through concrete play experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All previous skills from 6-7 and..... • Begin to use complex thinking to solve problems • Develop a sense of right and wrong • Develop competitiveness • Change emotions quickly • Begin to compromise and solve problems with peers • May be sensitive or overdramatic • Developing long lasting friendships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All previous skills from 6-10 and... • Use active listening in both formal and informal settings. • Use nonverbal communication techniques to enhance meaning. • Show constructive ways to express needs, wants and feelings • Demonstrate respect for individual and cultural differences that help develop healthy relationships. • Use imagination to form and to express thought, feeling and character. • Growing desire to be independent • Form close one to one friendships