

Social and Emotional Development of a 9 Year Old

- ❖ may experience wide mood swings
- ❖ may be critical of self and others
- ❖ may use physical complaints to avoid unpleasant tasks
- ❖ often dislikes the opposite sex intensely
- ❖ responsible, can be depended upon and trusted
- ❖ puts great importance on fairness, in self and in others - likes to talk and share ideas

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Intellectual Development of a 9 Year Old

- ❖ memorizes and recites facts, but may not show deep understanding
- ❖ reads to learn (rather than learning to read)
- ❖ has a strong desire to complete tasks
- ❖ keeps train of thought and will continue work even after interruptions
- ❖ able to use a dictionary
- ❖ very interested in mastering skills - critical thinking starting to emerge
- ❖ beginning be aware of right and wrong (versus good and bad)

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- ❖ disposition is generally happy, sometimes silly
- ❖ respectful and affectionate toward both parents
- ❖ fears which were previously bothersome are now minimal
- ❖ may anger quickly but expression of anger differs according to the situation
- ❖ friendships are quite important, friends are of the same sex
- ❖ enjoys clubs and group activities

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- ❖ still memorizes and recites without thinking deeply about the subject
- ❖ developing a conscience but not yet consistently able to tell right from wrong; relies upon an adult to help
- ❖ aware of time, but needs help to plan time in a practical way
- ❖ still certain that own beliefs are correct and are universally shared by others

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