

Reasoning Abilities

A child is full of wonder as he/she learns to make sense of the world and build thinking skills. At first, a child physically manipulates objects, and believes that if an object is removed from sight it has permanently disappeared. A child tends to disregard what he/she cannot yet understand. Also, a child can handle only one attribute of an object or person at a time. For example, he/she thinks all small four-legged creatures are dogs, or all adult females are mommies. Later, a child acquires more accurate concepts and begins to classify objects, understands similarities and differences between people, places, and things, recognizes incongruencies, and discovers cause and effect relationships.

