

Unit 2 Mental and physical development

Nouns

- * Adolescent: a young person, usually between the ages of 12 and 18, who is developing into an adult
- * Concept: an idea of how something is, or how something should be done
- * Gesture: a movement of part of your body, especially your hands or head, to show what you mean or how you feel
- * Infancy: the period of a child's life before they can walk or talk
- * Infant: a baby or very young child
- * Maturity: the quality of behaving in a sensible way like an adult
- * Memory: someone's ability to remember things, places, experiences etc
- * Milestone: a very important event in the development of something
- * Peers: your peers are the people who are the same age as you, or who have the same type of job, social class etc
- * Phase: one of the stages of a process of development or change
- * Rate: the number of times something happens, or the number of examples of something within a certain period
- * Toddler: a very young child who is just learning to walk
- * Transition: when something changes from one form or state to another

Adjectives

- * Abstract: based on general ideas or principles rather than specific examples or real events
- * Cognitive: related to the process of knowing, understanding, and learning something
- * Clumsy: moving or doing things in a careless way, especially so that you drop things, knock into things etc
- * Fond: a fond look, smile, action etc shows you like someone very much
- * Fully-grown: a fully-grown animal, plant, or person has developed to their full size and will not grow any bigger
- * Immature: someone who is immature behaves or thinks in a way that is typical of someone much younger – used to show disapproval
- * Independent: an independent organization is not owned or controlled by, or does not receive money from, another organization or the government
- * Irresponsible: doing careless things without thinking or worrying about the possible bad results
- * Mature: someone, especially a child or young person, who is mature behaves in a sensible and reasonable way, as you would expect an adult to behave
- * Rebellious: deliberately not obeying people in authority or rules of behaviour
- * Tolerant: allowing people to do, say, or believe what they want without criticizing or punishing them

Verbs

- * Acquire: to obtain something by buying it or being given it - learned (a skill)
- * Gesture: to move your hand, arm, or head to tell someone something, or show them what you mean
- * Imitate: to copy the way someone behaves, speaks, moves etc, especially in order to make people laugh
- * Master: to learn a skill or a language so well that you have no difficulty with it
- * Mature: to become fully grown or developed
- * Reminisce: to talk or think about pleasant events in your past
- * Throw a tantrum: to react in a very angry way
- * Visualize: to form a picture of someone or something in your mind

Adverbs

- * Typically: in a way that a person or group is generally believed to behave

Phrases with mind:

- * Bear in mind: remember
- * Broaden the mind: increase your knowledge
- * Have something in mind: have an idea
- * Have something on your mind: be worried about something
- * It slipped my mind: I forgot
- * Keep an open mind: try not to judge before you know the facts
- * My mind went blank: I couldn't remember a thing
- * Put your mind at ease: stop you from worrying

