



# Stages of Cognitive Development



Age Range	Description	Developmental Events
<b>Birth–2 years</b>	<b>Sensorimotor</b> Experiencing the world through senses and actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stranger anxiety</li><li>• Object Permanence</li></ul>
<b>2–6 years</b>	<b>Preoperational</b> Representing with words, images, but lacking logical reasoning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language Development</li><li>• Pretend Play</li><li>• Egocentrism</li></ul>
<b>7–11 years</b>	<b>Concrete Operational</b> Logical thought about concrete events; mathematical reasoning; concrete analogies..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation</li><li>• Less egocentric</li><li>• Still struggle with abstract</li></ul>
<b>12 years+</b>	<b>Formal Operational</b> Capable of abstract reasoning, moral/ethical logic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deductive reasoning</li><li>• Sense of future/planning</li></ul>