

Core Adoption Issues	Psycho-Social Stages	Cognitive Stages	Age Expectations
<p><b>Rejection</b> Suffers fear of abandonment and feelings of not being good enough to stay with</p>	<p><b>Trust vs. Mistrust</b> Infant develops a sense of trust that he/she will be cared for or feels unsafe and thus general mistrust</p>	<p><b>Sensorimotor</b> Coordination of senses with motor response. Language used for demands and cataloguing</p>	<p>0-18 months</p>
<p><b>Loss</b> Child has trouble holding on and letting go</p>	<p><b>Autonomy vs. Shame</b> Begins to develop self-control and independence or feels ashamed of desire to explore the world separate from the primary caregiver</p>	<p><b>Pre-Operational</b> Symbolic thinking, use of proper syntax and grammar to express concepts.</p>	<p>18 months - 2 years 2-3 years</p>
<p><b>Guilt and Shame</b> Believes he/she does not deserves good fortune and struggles with anger Guilt is “I did something bad” v. Shame is “I am bad.”</p>	<p><b>Initiative vs. Guilt</b> Begins to develop personal power, agency or feels guilt when ideas do not turn out as he/she expected</p>		<p>3-5 years</p>
	<p><b>Industry vs. Inferiority</b> Navigates social world and school where recognition is based on skill or feels inferior if he/she cannot perform as desired</p>	<p><b>Concrete Operational</b> Concepts attached to concrete situations. Time, space and quantity are understood and can be applied, but not as independent concepts</p>	<p>5-7 years 7-11 years</p>
<p><b>Identity</b> Grapples with integrating all parts of himself. Who am I? Where did I come from?</p>	<p><b>Ego Identity vs. Role Confusion</b> Develops sense of personal identity or feels confusion if unable to.</p>	<p><b>Formal Operations</b> Theoretical, hypothetical, abstract logic and reasoning. Strategy and planning become possible Concepts learned in one context can be applied to another.</p>	<p>11-12 years</p>
<p><b>Intimacy</b> May bond inappropriately-too soon, too late, too intensely, not at all-because fears loss, abandonment, rejection</p>	<p><b>Intimacy vs. Isolation</b> Forms intimate relationships or feels isolated if cannot.</p>		<p>Adolescence Early adulthood</p>

<p><b>Mastery and Control</b> Realizing what adoption has done to him/her, feels powerless and seeks what control he/she can find</p>	<p><b>Generativity vs. Stagnation</b> Becomes a productive adult or stagnates. Has a drive to leave a positive impact on the world and/or younger generations</p>	<p>Middle adulthood</p>
<p><b>Grief</b> Unresolved Grief can lead to depression and anger</p>	<p><b>Ego Integrity vs. Despair</b> Achieves a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with life or feels despair. Ego integrity is an acceptance of the way things have been and despair is anger and/or fear of death</p>	<p>Late adulthood</p>

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