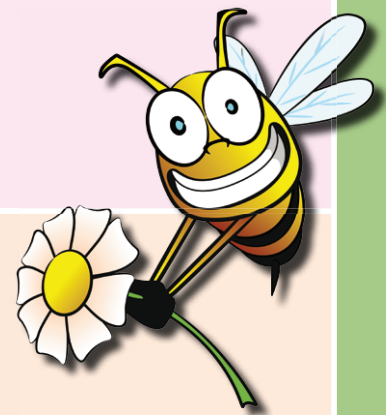


Children's Thinking & Reasoning Development

| Age | Children can ... |
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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Play a great deal ★ Make lots of noise ★ Enjoy looking at books ★ Enjoy interaction from others |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Socially interact with the world ★ Be excited around other children ★ Play along side other children ★ Be more inventive and imaginative in play ★ Displaying temper tantrums more regularly ★ Begin to know some colours ★ Locate parts of the body ★ Complete a simple 2 piece puzzle |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Play pretend ★ Enjoy playmates, although "sharing" is sometimes a challenge ★ Begin to play 'with' rather than 'alongside' ★ Know own name, age and gender ★ Copy a block tower ★ Know some patterns eg stripes, dots ★ Copy some simple lines ★ Match common shapes ★ Complete a 3-4 piece puzzle |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Remember and repeat sentences and songs ★ Start to rhyme the alphabet ★ Complete a complex 4 piece puzzle ★ Copy and draw a circle and attempt a triangle ★ Attempt to copy name ★ Count objects accurately i.e. 1:1 correspondence |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Act independently much of the time and understand rules ★ Say own address and phone number ★ Know many letters of the alphabet ★ Count at least to 10 ★ Make a complex 5 piece puzzle ★ Copy a variety of shapes eg triangle, square, rectangle and diamond ★ Rhyme some words eg cat-rat-hat ★ Learn about being sensitive to other people's feelings ★ Seek and enjoy friendships |



Use this chart as a guide to understanding your child's thinking and reasoning development.