

Lesson 5: Undiagnosed Psychological or Developmental Problem



Vocabulary Practice:

Grown-up - an adult.	<i>The grown-ups sat inside while the children played in the yard.</i>
Therapy - treatment to help a person get better from the effects of a disease or injury.	<i>With physical therapy, you should eventually be able to walk again.</i>
Process - a series of actions or events performed to make something or achieve a particular result, or a series of changes that happen naturally.	<i>Completing his degree at night was a long process.</i>

Dialogue Reading:

He needs to grow up

Mom: Ralph, you come here for a moment.

Ralph: Why? Why should I go there?

Mom: Mommy needs to tell you something.

Ralph: No! I don't want to!

Mom: Ralph, why are you acting this way? I thought you said you're already a big boy?

Ralph: I didn't say that! I don't want to grow up, I am still a baby!

Tina: What's going on here?

Mom: Ralph is acting strange again, Tina.

Tina: Is he acting as if he were still 2-years old again?

Mom: Yes. You know that he's already 6 years old. And now I am worried about his development. Maybe he really needs the therapy for slow developmental process.

Ralph: I said I don't need that, mommy. I am ok. Don't worry about me.

Mom: We will just give a try, dear. It won't harm you in anyway.

Ralph: No! No! No! (crying)

Tina: I think he really needs it, Joan. It's clear that he has developmental problem.

Mom: Yeah. I think that too.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is Grown-up?

- a. a child
- b. an adult
- c. a baby

2. What is therapy?

- a. treatment to help a person to overcome a disease or injury
- b. exercise to be able to do things that you cant
- c. treatment that causes a person to get worse

3. What is process?

- a. activities done over a single day
- b. series of actions to achieve a particular result
- c. a series of changes that happen naturally

4. What are the signs that a child has developmental problems?

5. How could you treat these kinds of developmental problems?