

Cognitive and Linguistic Development

Reflection Journal

Before reading the chapter, think about each question and reflect on your experiences. Respond to the questions based on knowledge, feelings, and experiences you've had.

1. How do the mind and the brain differ?
2. How do thought processes change over time? Think about your own experiences either growing up or simply from the beginning of a course to the end of it.
3. How do social influences affect thinking?
4. How have you reacted to learning new information that did not correspond with what you already believed or knew?
5. All animals communicate. Do all animals use language? Explain your response.

After reading the chapter, revisit the questions and respond based on the knowledge you have gained. Do not look at your original responses.

1. How do the mind and the brain differ?
2. How do thought processes change over time? Think about your own experiences either growing up or simply from the beginning of a course to the end of it. Now use theories to explain these changes.
3. How do social influences affect thinking? Use theories to support the use of social interaction to support cognitive development.
4. How have you reacted to learning new information that did not correspond with what you already believed or knew? Using more than one theory explain what was happening in your mind when encountered this discrepant information.
5. All animals communicate. Do all animals use language? Explain your response. What are the influences of nature and nurture in language development?

Now that you have answered the questions again, compare your initial and concluding responses and reflect on the knowledge gained and changes in your responses. For example, consider:

- 1) How have your responses changed?
- 2) What knowledge have you gained?

3) How has your new knowledge affected your interpretation of events?