

7 Years

Affect

A "feeling" age

Gets on better with others, though disequilibrium within own feelings

Serious, absorbed, thoughtful, inhibited, empathic

Sets too high goals for self

Self-protection by withdrawal

"Deaf" ear

Anger directed toward self

Often moody, sulking, and unhappy

Sensitive to praise and blame

Anxious to please and considerate of others

Little sense of humor and cannot be handled with humor

Uses language complainingly

Assertion/Anger

Less aggressive

Few tantrums and less resistance to commands

May be considerable fighting with siblings

May threaten to, "Beat somebody up"

May kick or throw stones

Verbal objection, "That isn't fair"

If angry, may leave the room or the playground

Fears/Worries

Deeper worrisome fears

Many visual and spatial fears; shadows, ghosts and creatures in the attic or cellar, heights, war, burglars, people hiding under bed or in closet

Beginning to resolve fears by getting someone to precede him into feared place or by using flashlight

Worries about not being liked by parents, teacher, playmates

Fear of new situations

Expressive Language

Continuation of above

Appearance in collaborating in abstract thought

Mature articulation