

## 9 Years

### *Affect*

Becoming more independent

Better equilibrium

Quick extreme emotional shifts, short-lived

Impressionable, reasonable, explosive, empathic

More responsible, independent, cooperative, dependable

Evaluates own performance

Wants things to be proper

Disgusted with others who deviate even slightly from his standards

Enjoys competition

Has passions for certain activities

Jokes about self

Uses language to express subtle and refined emotions; disgust, self-criticism, pity, envy

### *Assertion/Anger*

Fighting and “beating somebody up” common (with boys) but may be in the nature of play

Aggression chiefly verbal

Objects to what people say or do

Criticizes

Verbally expresses indifference to adult commands or adult standards

### *Fears/Worries*

Fewer fears; very variable from child to child

Worry mostly about school failure

Upset by own mistakes

Enjoy frightening each other

Spontaneously report that they were “frightened/scared to death” of something; seem to enjoy this and be proud of it