

Lesson 15.1

Preschoolers Lack Complete Logical Thought

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Date _____ Period _____

Although preschoolers have advanced intellectually, there are flaws in their thinking. Match the following stories with the types of obstacles to complete logical thought.

Obstacles

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| A. Egocentrism | D. Not being able to mentally reverse actions |
| B. Centering attention on one part | E. Associating actions without using logic or reasoning |
| C. Focusing on individual steps, stages, or events | |

Stories

- _____ 1. Darnell is looking through the family album with his sister. His sister points to a picture of their father when he was five and says, "That's a really old picture of Daddy." Darnell shakes his head and insists that the picture is not of Daddy. When his sister asks why, Darnell says, "Daddy is a man—not a little boy!"
- _____ 2. Sophia is playing house under the card table and she invites the babysitter to join her in the house for lunch. When the babysitter says the table is too small for him to fit, Sophia takes him to the table. She crawls under and says, "The table's not too small. See—I fit!"
- _____ 3. Jeff helped his parents plant a garden last month, and he knows that it needs rain to grow. Jeff is worried because it has not rained for a few weeks. As his father leaves for work that day, Jeff says, "Daddy, take your umbrella to work today." When his father asks why, Jeff replies, "So it will rain on the garden."
- _____ 4. On their fourth birthday, Trina and Tracey each receive four silver dollars from their grandfather. One at a time, their grandfather has each girl count each coin as he hands it to her. Then he says, "There, you have four coins for your fourth birthday." Trina puts her money on the table in a stack, but Tracey spreads hers out in a line. When Tracey looks at Trina's coins, she asks, "Grandpa, how come you gave me more money than Trina?"
- _____ 5. Riley is helping her mother make cutout cookies. Riley's mother takes the ball of dough, divides it, and gives Riley half to roll out. Riley's mother rolls out the other half. After working with the dough a little while, Riley's mother has a large circle that is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Riley's circle is about 1 inch thick and much smaller. Riley says to her mother, "You gave me less dough because I'm littler, right?"
- _____ 6. Tanya is going through an old train tunnel with her parents. When she sees the light at the end, she asks her parents what the light is. Her parents explain that the light is coming from the opening at the end of the tunnel. Tanya asks her parents, "How are we going to fit through that little hole?"
- _____ 7. Andy's father had a large sack of popcorn that he was going to put into 20 jars to sell at a charity event. Andy watched his father pour all the popcorn from the sack into the jars. Andy asked his father what they would do if nobody wanted the popcorn. Andy's father asked, "What do you mean?" Andy said, "Well, there's no way we'll fit all that popcorn back in the sack!"