



# Development Of Personality In Children Of Preschool Age

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**Abstract:** Personality development in preschool children is a dynamic and complex process influenced by various factors, including genetics, environment, and social interactions. This article provides a broad overview of the development of personality traits in children aged 3 to 6 years, focusing on the emergence of key traits, their underlying mechanisms, and subsequent developmental consequences. Understanding these early stages of personality development is critical to achieving positive outcomes and addressing potential problems in children's socio-emotional well-being.

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**Introduction:** Personality development is a multifaceted process, with its roots deeply rooted in the formative years of childhood. Among the various developmental stages, the preschool years, typically between the ages of 3 and 6, are a crucial period characterized by profound growth and exploration in cognitive, social, and emotional domains. Central to this developmental journey is the emergence and consolidation of personality traits that provide the foundation for children's self-awareness and interactions with the world around them.

Preschool children are characterized by remarkable changes during the transition from infancy to early childhood. During this period, they experience cognitive development, language acquisition, and motor skill development, all of which contribute to their independence and autonomy. However, alongside

these cognitive and physical changes, there is a rich tapestry of socioemotional development in which children begin to exhibit distinctive behaviors, emotions, and interpersonal interactions that shape their emerging identities.

Understanding the development of personality traits during the preschool years is important for several reasons. First, these early traits serve as the foundation for later personality development. During this formative period, children's ability to navigate and adapt in social situations, regulate their emotions, and relate to others sets the stage for their future socioemotional functioning. In addition, early identification of certain personality traits and behaviors can provide valuable insights into children's strengths, challenges, and potential areas for intervention or support. The study of personality development in preschool children is inherently complex and is influenced by a multitude of factors, ranging from biological predispositions to environmental conditions. Genetic predispositions interact with environmental influences, including family dynamics, cultural norms, and peer interactions, to shape the trajectory of personality development. Furthermore, the preschool period represents a period of heightened plasticity and sensitivity to environmental factors, making this stage particularly sensitive to the influence of early experiences and caregiving practices.

In this comprehensive review, we aim to explore the complex process of personality development in preschool children. Drawing on theoretical foundations, empirical research, and clinical insights, we examine the emergence of key personality traits during this developmental stage, the factors that influence their development, and their impact on children's later socioemotional well-being. By highlighting the complexities of personality development in preschool children, we aim to enhance our understanding of this critical period and inform strategies for achieving positive outcomes in early childhood development.

General information about the literature; Literature review:

The study of personality development in preschool children has attracted considerable attention from researchers in a variety of disciplines, including psychology, child development, and education. A rich body of literature has emerged that sheds light on the multifaceted nature of personality traits, their developmental trajectories, and the factors that shape their emergence during the preschool years.

Temperament and Early Personality Traits:

One of the central foundations for understanding personality development in young children is the concept of temperament. Temperament refers to individual differences in reactivity and self-regulation that are relatively stable across situations and over time. Building on the work of pioneers such as Thomas and Chess (1977) and Rothbart (1981), researchers have identified several dimensions of temperament, including activity level, approach/withdrawal, agreeableness, and emotional reactivity. These dimensions provide a framework for understanding the early manifestation of personality traits in preschool children.

Longitudinal studies have highlighted the stability of temperament across early childhood, with some temperament profiles predicting later personality traits and socioemotional outcomes (Caspi & Shiner, 2006). For example, children with high levels of emotional reactivity and low adaptability in infancy may be at increased risk for developing anxiety disorders or externalizing behaviors in later childhood (Degnan & Fox, 2007). Conversely, children with mild temperaments characterized by positive mood and adaptability demonstrate better social competence and emotional regulation skills over time (Rothbart & Bates, 2006).

Socialization Processes and Environmental Influences:

While temperament is fundamental to early personality development, it is characterized by important socialization processes that shape the traits that emerge in preschool children.

Parents, caregivers, and peers play a critical role in shaping children's socioemotional development through interactions, modeling, and social experiences (Eisenberg et al., 1998). Parenting styles and practices have been identified as key determinants of preschoolers' personality development. Warm, responsive parents, characterized by high levels of nurturing and support, are associated with the emergence of positive personality traits such as empathy, self-control, and prosocial behavior (Eisenberg et al., 2005). Conversely, harsh or authoritarian parenting styles may contribute to the development of maladaptive personality traits, including aggression, defiance, and emotional dysregulation (Gershoff et al., 2012).

Peer relationships also have a significant impact on preschoolers' personality development. Peer interactions provide opportunities for social learning, perspective-taking, and the development of interpersonal skills (Rubin et al., 2006). Through their interactions with their peers, preschoolers learn valuable lessons about cooperation, conflict resolution,

and empathy, which help shape their emerging personality traits.

Cultural and contextual considerations:

Cultural norms, values, and social expectations have a significant impact on preschoolers' expression and interpretation of personality traits. Cross-cultural studies have identified differences in parental socialization practices, peer dynamics, and emotional expression across cultural contexts, highlighting the importance of considering cultural diversity in the study of personality development (Chen et al., 1998).

In addition, preschool children's socio-economic background and environmental stressors can influence their socio-emotional development and personality traits. Children growing up in disadvantaged environments may face challenges and have fewer resources for socio-emotional support, which can contribute to the emergence of maladaptive personality traits and socio-emotional difficulties (Blair et al., 2011).

Conclusion: The literature on personality development in preschool children provides valuable information about the complex interactions of biological, environmental, and social factors that shape children's emerging traits. From the primary influence of temperament to the socialization processes supported by parents, caregivers, and peers, many factors contribute to the development of personality traits during the preschool years. By understanding the mechanisms of personality development during early childhood, researchers and practitioners can develop targeted interventions and support systems to support positive socioemotional outcomes and promote healthy personality development in young children.

Key Personality Traits of Preschoolers:

The personality traits of preschoolers include a wide range of behavioral, emotional, and social characteristics that contribute to their unique individuality and interpersonal interactions. While children at this stage of development are still in the process of forming their identities, several key traits begin to emerge and play a significant role in shaping their social and emotional development. Understanding these key personality traits is essential for identifying individual differences, achieving positive outcomes, and addressing potential problems in preschoolers. Some of the key personality traits observed in preschoolers are:

#### 1. Temperament:

Temperament refers to innate behavioral and emotional tendencies that are evident early in life and remain relatively stable over time. Preschoolers show

a range of temperaments along several dimensions, including:

- Activity Level: Some children may be naturally more active and energetic, while others may prefer quieter, more sedentary activities.
- Approach/Avoidance: Children differ in their tendency to approach or avoid new situations, experiences, or people. Some children may eagerly seek out new experiences, while others may be more hesitant or cautious.
- Adaptability: Adaptability refers to the ease with which children adapt to changes in their environment or routine. Children who are high in adaptability tend to be more flexible and resilient to transitions or disruptions, while those who are low in adaptability may have difficulty coping with change.
- Emotional Reactivity: Emotional reactivity reflects the intensity and frequency of emotional responses to stimuli. Some children may be more prone to strong emotional reactions, while others have greater emotional stability and regulation.

#### 2. Emotion Regulation:

Emotion regulation involves the ability to observe, evaluate, and modulate emotional experiences and expressions in response to internal and external stimuli. Preschoolers begin to develop simple emotional management skills, including:

- Identifying Emotions: Preschoolers learn to recognize and label basic emotions such as joy, sadness, anger, and fear.
- Expressing Emotions Appropriately: Children experiment with different ways to express their feelings, gradually learning socially acceptable ways to communicate their feelings to others.
- Coping strategies: When children encounter stressful or difficult situations, they develop coping strategies to manage their emotional arousal and regulate their reactions. These strategies may include seeking help from caregivers, engaging in self-soothing behaviors, or problem-solving.

#### 3. Social Skills:

Social skills play a key role in children's ability to manage social interactions, develop friendships, and establish positive relationships with peers and adults. Key social skills observed in preschoolers include:

- Sharing and Cooperation: Children learn to share toys, take turns, and cooperate with others during play and group activities.
- Empathy and Perspective Taking: Preschoolers begin to demonstrate empathy by recognizing and responding to the feelings of others. They also develop key

perspective-taking skills, understanding that others' thoughts, feelings, and perspectives may be different.

- **Conflict Resolution:** Children encounter conflict and disagreements as they engage in social play and interactions. Developing conflict resolution skills involves negotiating, compromising, and finding mutually acceptable solutions to conflicts.

#### 4. Self-Concept:

Self-concept refers to a child's cognitive and affective perceptions of themselves, including their beliefs, attitudes, and perceptions of their abilities, characteristics, and uniqueness.

Preschoolers begin to develop an early sense of self-awareness, which includes:

- **Self-awareness:** Preschoolers increasingly understand themselves as individuals with a range of preferences, interests, and abilities.

- **Self-esteem:** Children develop evaluative judgments about themselves based on their experiences and interactions with others. Positive experiences and supportive relationships help develop healthy self-esteem, while negative experiences can undermine children's confidence and self-worth.

- **Gender Identity:** Preschool children typically demonstrate awareness of their gender identity and begin to exhibit gender-specific behaviors and preferences based on societal norms and cultural influences. Individual responses and past experiences can influence children's exploration, curiosity, and risk-taking tendencies. Preschool children may exhibit:

- **Curiosity and exploration:** Children show a natural curiosity about their surroundings and engage in exploratory behaviors to learn about the world.

- **Risk-taking:** Some children may exhibit a tendency toward risky behaviors, such as climbing, jumping, or exploring unfamiliar environments, while others may be more cautious or risk-averse.

Overall, the development of personality traits in preschool children is a dynamic and multifaceted process influenced by a combination of biological, environmental, and social factors.

By understanding these key personality traits and the ways they develop, caregivers, teachers, and practitioners can support children's social-emotional development, foster positive relationships, and increase the resilience and well-being of children in the crucial preschool years.

#### Conclusion:

Preschool age is a crucial stage in the development of personality traits, which sets the stage for children's socioemotional well-being and future outcomes.

Through a comprehensive review of the literature, we have gained valuable insights into the complex process of personality development in preschool children, which includes a variety of behavioral, emotional, and social traits.

Key findings from this study include:

1. **Early emergence of personality traits:** Personality traits begin to emerge during the preschool period, reflecting individual differences in temperament, emotion regulation, social skills, self-awareness, and approach/avoidance behaviors. These traits contribute to children's unique characteristics and shape their interactions with the world around them.

2. **Influence of biological and environmental factors:** The development of personality traits in preschool children is influenced by a complex interaction of genetic predisposition, parenting styles, peer relationships, cultural norms, and environmental conditions. Hereditary factors provide the basis for temperament, while environmental influences shape the expression and development of personality traits over time.

3. **Importance of socioemotional development:** Social and emotional development in preschool is closely related to the emergence of personality traits. Children learn to regulate their emotions, manage social relationships, and feel themselves within the framework of their relationships with caregivers, peers, and the broader social environment.

4. **Implications for later development:** Personality traits that emerge during preschool have a lasting impact on children's later development and well-being. Positive traits such as empathy, self-regulation, and social competence are associated with better academic achievement, mental health outcomes, and interpersonal relationships in later childhood and adolescence. Conversely, difficulties in regulating emotions, forming positive relationships, or adapting to new situations may increase the risk of behavioral problems and socioemotional difficulties.

5. **Promoting Positive Outcomes:** Understanding the factors that shape personality development in preschool children is important for designing interventions and support systems that promote positive traits and help mitigate risk factors. Educators, teachers, and practitioners play a critical role in promoting healthy socioemotional development through relationships, supportive environments, and targeted activities that meet children's individual needs.

In summary, preschool represents a formative period for the development of personality traits that set the stage for young children's socioemotional growth and future trajectories. By helping to better understand

these early developmental processes and their consequences, we can foster resilient, empathetic, and socially competent individuals who are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of life and thrive in their communities. Moving forward, continued research and collaboration across disciplines will be essential to advance our understanding of personality development in early childhood and to inform evidence-based practices to support children’s holistic development and well-being.

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