

Chapter 8 Emotional and Social Development of Infants

Section 8.1 Understanding Emotional Development of Infants

- 1.** The most important influences on a child's emotional development include the bond between the caregiver and the child, the temperament of the child, and the atmosphere of the home.
- 2.** Attachment can be built through touch, consistent care, and communication.
- 3.** Ways to resolve temperament conflicts include accepting and adapting to the baby's temperament and not punishing a child for a temperament trait.
- 4.** It is important to not express negative feelings around children because babies can sense negative feelings and can become irritable and anxious.
- 5.** Answers will vary. You should describe your temperament using the nine temperament traits described in the text. Your letter should accurately explain the challenges of caring for a child with different traits and your strategies for handling these challenges.
- 6.** Answers will vary. Your report should clearly describe how your family, other people, culture, and institutions have influenced your identity.

Section 8.2 Understanding Social Development of Infants

- 1.** Parents should be consistent. Always smile when the baby behaves appropriately; never smile when the baby does something of which you do not approve.
- 2.** Provide a comfortable, safe place for exploration and colorful, age-appropriate toys that are safe for the baby.
- 3.** Answers will vary. You should point out that stranger anxiety is normal for children this age. The parent might try holding the child for reassurance while letting the child see the parent interact with others. This will give the son a chance to become more comfortable with other people at his own pace.
- 4.** You should create a table listing actions caregivers can take to aid in healthy social development. These actions should be arranged by major topics, with at least three activities listed under each topic.