

Hi! Welcome to NetTutor. My name is Alesa. How can I help you today?

Hi. Can you explain to me what Piaget's theory of development means in a nutshell? What makes it important?

Of course. What do you know about Piaget so far?

well, i know that he was a psychologist who madea theory about children and how they develop over time. He made up stages

Good job! Piaget was a psychologist who specifically observed the cognitive and intellectual development of children. Do you know how many stages he came up with?

I think 4? not sure

I know one is operational stage or something

Correct. Piaget's theory was composed of four distinct stages. Can you name any of them?

Yes, the concrete operational stage was one. The others are the sensory-motor stage, the pre-operational stage, and the formal operational stage. At each stage, the child acquired more complex motor skills and cognitive abilities.

i don't know ther others

but how does any of this matter? that's what i dont get

These four developmental stages were quite revolutionary around the 1970s. Do you know why?

I am guessing that back then people didnt know that kids were that complicated, maybe?

Exactly. Piaget revolutionized education for children. After he published his theory, developmental psychology became a study area in its own right.

ok, so I think I got it

he invented these stages when other scientists were not studying children. That's pretty cool.

Good job. Here is a link that may help you to clarify
http://www.icels-educators-for-learning.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=61

Awesome. i'll look that up

Is there anything else I can help you with today?

No. That's it. Thanks so much for the help

Bye

Thank you for using NetTutor. If you have anymore questions feel free to come back. Have a great day!