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Chapter 12: Taking Care of Children—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity

Different Stages of Growth and Development

READ the case study

Caleb has two younger cousins, Kyle and Marco. While visiting their house, Caleb has been asked to watch them while their parents prepare dinner. As Caleb is watching his cousins, he notices that there are big differences between them. Marco, who is three-years old, is learning how to talk. He has trouble pronouncing words and sometimes confuses the sounds of letters. Kyle, who is five-years old, is much bigger than Marco and speaks mostly in full sentences. Kyle also seems to have a longer attention span than Marco. Caleb is wondering why there are major differences between Kyle and Marco when they are only two years apart.

DISCUSS this question in class:

How would you respond to Caleb's concern if he asked you about the differences between his cousins?

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

- T F Marco and Kyle are both considered infants.

- T F Caleb should help Marco with his sounds and words to encourage correct pronunciation and language understanding.

- T F Because Marco is *not* at the same intellectual development stage as Kyle, Caleb and his family should be concerned.

- T F Kyle's ability to pay attention for a longer time than Marco is an example of a change in physical growth and development.