

Ohta Staging Definition

Stage	Definition	Age equivalent with Typical Development	Piaget's Stage
Stage I	Non-symbolic representation	0~1.5years	Sensory-motor Stage
I -1	Non active requesting behaviors a period of no active requesting behaviors. Since crying or showing distress is an example of requesting behaviors, no caretaker can understand child's request except by inferring from their situations or daily routine.	4months	
I -2	"Crane phenomenon" most frequent behavior characterized by the most dominant request behavior known as the "crane phenomenon". In order to fulfill their request, autistic children take someone's hand as if the hand was a machine or a "crane".	8months	
I -3	Various request behaviors including speech, gesture and/or pointing behavior various request behaviors are observed including speech, gestures and/or pointing instead of crane phenomenon.	1-1.5years	

Stage II	Emergence of symbolic functioning	~2years	Pre-operational Stage
Stage III-1	Explicit existence of symbolic functioning	about 2.5 years	
Stage III-2	Understanding concepts of relationship	3-4years	
Stage IV	End of the pre-operational period	~7,8years	
Stage V or above		above	Operational Stage

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