

**Erikson's Social Development** - What stage is each of the scenarios representing?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Samuel is tired of meeting women at parties, bars, and dating lots of different people. Sure, it's fun sometimes, but now he'd rather have one special person to settle down with and share his life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Daniel doesn't want to wear the pajamas his mother chose for him. Instead, he STRONGLY prefers last night's (dirty) PJs! Daniel's mom agrees and dresses him in his (dirty) PJ selection.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Martin has been a very successful business man for nearly 25 years. His 3 children are reaching adulthood. Martin decides to start a small business that provides financial advising to young people who are just starting their careers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - Timmy's mom pours him a bowl of Cheerios and milk. She directs him to go sit at the kitchen table. Timmy reaches for the bowl of Cheerios, announcing, "I carry it!" On the way to the table, lots of milk and cereal spill on the floor. Mom quietly cleans up the mess and thanks Timmy for his "help."
5. \_\_\_\_\_ - Baby Christopher's mom feeds him every 3 or 4 hours, burps him, walks with him when he is fussy and makes sure he is dressed warmly every time he goes outside for a walk with her.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ - It's Little League season and third-grader, Jonathan, can't wait! Last spring he was on Junior Little League and every time he was at bat, he made a hit. He also caught three fly balls, and won the game for the team! Jonathan's coaches, friends and parents are looking forward to Jonathan playing on the Little League team this season.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ - Annie's parents are doctors. Her grandparents are doctors. In fact, Annie's parents have told her that after her high school graduation, they are looking forward to her entering the same college and medical school they attended. Annie waits for just the right time to announce her plans to travel to Europe after high school to pursue her interest in drawing and painting, and to learn Italian.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ - Sarah's children are all in high school and college. Sarah works as an assistant manager at a small department store, and most of what she earns goes toward paying her children's college tuition. Her own children lead busy lives with friends and school activities occupying most of their time, so Sarah volunteers one evening each week at a nearby foster care facility. She enjoys reading bedtime stories to the young children housed here.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ - Sammy wants to pour the milk on his cereal all by himself. When mommy starts to pour the milk, he puts his hands over the bowl and shouts, "NO! ME DO IT!"
10. \_\_\_\_\_ - Timmy is concerned with how he compares to his peers. For example, he always want to know if he can kick the ball farther or read better than his friends.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ - Beverly is fascinated by her father's garden. One day dad allows Beverly to accompany him outside while he works in the garden, and she is excited about the prospect of helping out. Dad, however, decides that Beverly is too young to help, and he encourages her to play with her toys instead. When dad stops to chat with a neighbor, Beverly takes the hoe and tries to dig up weeds as she has seen her father do. Of course, she is not very good at this and she ends up cutting down a tomato vine along with the weeds. Her father is quite upset and scolds her harshly.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ - John finds himself thinking more about himself -- who he is, what he really is like inside as a person, how he relates to others and so on. He thinks a lot about his religious beliefs, his political views, and his views on significant social issues.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ - Hannah sees Dr. Eppler teaching Elizabeth how to knit, and Hannah begs us to also teach her how to knit. That same day, Hannah also pleads to be allowed to help make Elizabeth's birthday cake.