

Humans - Birth to Old Age

All new-born babies can do is drink milk and cry when they want more. When they become young children, though, they learn lots of new skills very fast. These include walking, talking and picking things up.

After the age of five, children use these skills to learn about the world they live in. They have lots of energy and are interested in everything.

Around twelve, they start turning into adults. They grow hair in different areas, boys' voices drop and girls begin to grow breasts. By eighteen, they are fully grown.

Over the next fifty years, parts of the body start to wear out. Hair turns grey, skin becomes wrinkly and eyesight and hearing grow weaker. Luckily, though, most people's brains work better than ever in old age, because they have learned so much during their lives.

1. What are the most important skills and when do we learn them?

2. When and how do children change into adults?

3. Would you rather be a child or an adult? Explain why.
