

Levels of Involvement – Quick Guide

Signs of Involvement

- Concentration
- Energy
- Complexity and creativity
- Facial expression and posture
- Persistence
- Precision
- Reaction time
- Language
- Satisfaction

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Involvement level 1:

This child is completely uninvolved. Sometimes young children walk away, stare into space with no interaction with people or play materials. (A child can be involved by watching or thinking intently – the eyes show brightness and body language is different).

Involvement level 2:

This child is only involved for brief periods. They may wander around aimlessly. Sometimes they do things that are too easy for them so they are not learning anything new.

Involvement level 3:

This child is involved some of the time but what they are doing is not very important to them. If you ask them to do something different, they switch to a different activity without protesting.

Involvement level 4:

The child is involved in something they have chosen which is important to them. They are not easily distracted: yet, there are moments when they need adult's interest to help keep them involved.

Involvement level 5:

This child does not need you to get them going. They know what they want or need to do. They can choose, continue to be absorbed for long periods and show most of the signals of involvement.