

How They Grow in Fifth Grade

Where They Are

The average ten-year-old has a positive approach to life. She:

- Tends to be obedient, good natured, and fun.
- Possesses a surprising scope of interests.
- Finds TV very important and identifies with TV characters.
- Is capable of increasing independence.
- Is becoming more truthful and dependable.
- Tends to be improving her self-concept and acceptance of others.
- Forms good personal relationships with teachers and counselors.

Where They're Going

At ten years old, your child is developing communication skills and becoming more mature. You can help by encouraging him as he:

- Improves his listening and responding skills.
- Increases his problem-solving abilities.
- Begins to undergo maturational changes.
- Gains awareness of peer and adult expectations.

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Homework Checklist for Parents

- Provide a quiet, well-lit space, away from distractions and with all the right study materials -- paper, pens and pencils, books, a dictionary, a desk, etc.
- Try to find a separate space for each of your children, or schedule quiet times for homework in designated spaces.
- Create a regular schedule, allowing for adequate study and free time.
- Limit TV time, and do not allow it during homework.
- When possible, be available to answer questions. Try doing a problem or two together, then watch as the child tries the next one.
- Avoid simply giving an answer. Instead, ask questions that let your child see the problem in smaller, sequential steps.
- Provide your kids with a notebook for writing down assignments. When they're finished, compare the homework and the notebook to make sure everything is done.
- See if the school has a homework hotline (that lists your child's assignments) and/or a homework helpline (assistance for your child).
- Review completed and graded assignments. Discuss errors to be sure your child understands the material.
- Share any concerns with your children's teachers about the amount or type of homework assigned. Be sure to let them know if your children are having difficulty or are unable to do most of it by themselves.

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