



# Infancy Physical Development

This chapter introduces physical development during the infancy phase. You will learn about key explanations and approaches during this age period and develop a better understanding of the infants' and toddlers' physical development and learning.

## CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

- 1** Understand key physical development during infancy and its consequences for infants' early growth.
- 2** Understand aspects of the brain and its links to motor developments in infants and toddlers.
- 3** Explore cultural differences in motor development during infancy.
- 4** Discuss and link the main ideas around Piagetian concepts to infants' and toddlers' motor development and learning.

## KEY TERMS

acuity  
brain  
continuous development  
discontinuous development  
fine motor skills  
gross motor skills  
reflex















































