



Examples of Theory of Mind Development

Mental/Physical Distinction

- *I am thinking of dog. Can I pet the dog I am thinking about?*

Appearance/Reality Judgments

- knowing between a shoe and a rock painted to look like a shoe

Diverse Desires

- different people have different feelings about an object
- *Mommy likes carrots, but I do not like them.*

Diverse Beliefs

- different people can believe different things about the same object
- *Mommy thinks there are more cookies, but I think the cookies are gone.*

False Beliefs

- people can believe things even if they are not true
- *Mommy thinks there are more cookies, but I know there are not anymore, because I ate the last one.*

Predicting what another person thinks that another person thinks

- *She thought that Mandy would think that dress was too long*
- *He thought she wouldn't like the taste of the spicy pizza*

Believing what another person feels/believes

- *He knew she would not be happy to find the vase broken*
- *She thought he would think the dog was actually gone*

Intending that another person believe/feel

- *He did not want to her to know the surprise, so he said he had forgotten her gift*
- *He didn't want to mom to get mad so he told her that he had finished his homework, but he still had more to do*