

Module 5: Life Span Development
Topic 2 Content: Temperaments of Newborns

Drag and Drop

Drag the temperament label and drop it over the picture of the baby you think it describes.

<i>Slow-To-Warm-Up Temperament</i>	<i>Difficult Temperament</i>	<i>Easy Temperament</i>
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Newborns are born with temperaments that change relatively little over time. Drag the temperament label and drop it over the picture of the baby you think it describes.

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Easy Temperament

Adaptable

Mellow

Pleasant

Happy

Predictable patterns

Adapt easily to change



Easy Temperament

Newborns with an easy temperament are adaptable, mellow, and generally pleasant and happy. Their eating, sleeping, and elimination patterns are predictable. Furthermore, they adapt easily to changes, such as a stranger greeting them, a new babysitter, or a daycare setting.

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Slow-To-Warm-Up Temperament

Do not like new situations

Longer adjustment period

**The new and unfamiliar
is distressing**

Withdrawn



Slow to Warm-Up Temperament

Newborns with a slow-to-warm-up temperament do not like new situations. They take a longer time to adjust to new people and new places. New stimuli or unfamiliar situations are distressing and can cause newborns with this temperament to withdraw until they feel at ease.

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Difficult Temperament

Reactive

Irritable

Less predictive patterns

Intense emotions



Difficult Temperament

Newborns with a difficult temperament are the most reactive to new stimuli. Difficult children have irritable dispositions, less predictable patterns, and the most intense emotions.