

Prep 5 – The development of social cognition: Selman’s theory

1. What is perspective – taking?
2. What kind of perspective taking is Selman interested in? And how is this different to Piaget?
3. According to Selman – what does perspective-taking enable a child to understand?
4. Read the Dilemma that Selman used in his research.

Complete this table:

Name of stage	Age in stage	Description of child’s social cognition. E.g. what do they think about others	Response to Selman’s questions. E.g – Will Holly’s dad be mad?