

**SEN LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR
TEACHING & LEARNING IN SCHOOLS**

Unit 1 - Level 3 SEN - Understand Child and Young Person Development

Q1.2 Explain the difference between sequence of development and rate of development and why the difference is important.

The sequence of development is the order that a child develops, for example a baby may crawl before he/she can walk. Sequence is how things happen in an expected order.

The rate of development is the speed at which a child develops, but this can vary according to the individual child. For example, one baby may start to crawl at six months whereas another baby may not start crawling until 10 months. Therefore, the rate of development involves a time frame linked to an age in which a child develops.

Sequence development involves patterns and an order of development of intellectual growth.

The difference between the sequence and the rate of development is important as it provides a framework direction when monitoring children/young people's developmental needs particularly during school years. Identify any potential issues can ensure the child in question receives the appropriate help and support in the areas they find difficult. The sequence of child development is common in most children but what often changes is the rate in which they develop. It is crucial that these stages are monitored to ensure that the correct intervention can be used to ensure the child given all the necessary support and help to progress.