Psychology Key Term List 7 Development Throughout the Life Span

Copy these terms on index cards to use as flash cards.

1. puberty-the time period when a person becomes capable of reproducing.
2. Identity-one’s sense of self; according to Erikson, the adolescent’s task is to solidify a sense of self by testing and integrating various roles.
3. Fluid intelligence-one’s ability to reason speedily and abstractly; tends to decrease during late adulthood.
4. Crystallized intelligence-one’s accumulated knowledge and verbal skills; tends to increase with age.
5. Alzheimer’s disease-a progressive and irreversible brain disorder characterized by gradual deterioration of memory, reasoning, language, and finally, physical functioning.
6. Senile dementia-the mental disintegration that accompanies alcoholism, tumor, stroke, aging, and, most often, Alzheimer’s disease.
7. Menopause-the biological changes that occur when a woman’s ability to reproduce declines.
8. Kubler-Ross Stages of Grief-denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance.