**Psychology Key Term List 5 Infant Development**

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

1. Teratogens-substances that cross the placenta and keep the fetus from developing normally.
2. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)-a series of physical and cognitive abnormalities that appear in children whose mothers consumed large amounts of alcohol while pregnant.
3. Rooting reflex-a baby’s tendency, when touché don the cheek, to open the mouth and suck; this is an automatic, unlearned response.
4. Moro reflex-a baby’s tendency to flail outwards and curl inwards when they feel they are being dropped.
5. Babinski reflex-when a baby’s foot is stroked, their toes will flex out and curl in.
6. Temperament-a person’s characteristic emotional reactivity and intensity
7. Maturation-biological growth processes that enable orderly changes in behavior, relatively uninfluenced by experience.
8. Cognition-all the mental activities associated with thinking, knowing, and remembering.
9. Schemas-concepts or mental frameworks that organize and interpret information.
10. Assimilation-interpreting one’s new experience in terms of one’s existing schemas.
11. Accommodation-adapting one’s current understandings (schemas) to incorporate new information.