

Maturation \Rightarrow Maturation is the development of individual and behavioral characteristics through growth. Generally less quantifiable and is more emotional and intellectual, where organisms grow within structure. An example, brain development resulting with an ability to handle more complex tasks.

Variations may be designated to differences in the maturation timing and tempo of associated biological system whether endocrine, reproductive skeletal digestive or immunological.

Timing refers to when a specific maturational event occurs age at appearance of pubic hair in boys and girls or age at maximum growth during adolescent growth spurt.

Tempo refers to the rate at which maturation progresses.