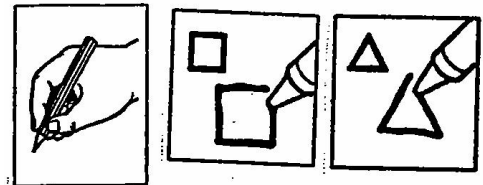




These activities are typical of a child who is 5 years old.

✓ **Pencil Skills**

- ✓ Demonstrates a hand preference
- ✓ Grasps crayon with index, middle and long fingers
- ✓ Finger movement begins to direct pencil
- ✓ Copies square and triangle



✓ **Fine Motor Skills**

- ✓ Cuts out a circle with good accuracy
- ✓ Holds five pennies in palm of hand, brings them to fingertips one at a time

✓ **Pre-readiness Skills**

- ✓ Identifies most letters of the alphabet
- ✓ Prints name and familiar letters from memory
- ✓ Copies all letters

✓ **Dressing Skills**

- ✓ Puts on pull on garments correctly
- ✓ Ties a knot (tying shoe laces by age 6)



WATCH FOR THESE WARNING SIGNS

- Tires or gives up easily
- Switches hands during cutting or colouring
- Resists messy play (glue, finger-paint)
- Directs pencil with whole arm movement
- Avoids colouring or crafts
- Clumsy with small objects
- Needs to change activities frequently
- Avoids letters and numbers

** If you have concerns about your child, an occupational therapist (OT) can assess his/her development in these areas. The OT will provide suggestions and/or treatment to promote your child's development of these skills.