“Waaaah waaah”  “I want ball”  “I really like my big red ball”

“ba ba ba”  “ball”

“well, I had you ball and I was going to bring it to you, but my alarm clock is broken, so I over slept, and then when I was on my way a dragon flew in an…”
Why study child development?

- Raising children
- Choosing social policies
- Understanding human nature

Nature or Nurture?
Continuous or Discontinuous?

[A] Continuous Development

[B] Discontinuous Development

One course of development or many courses?

[A] One course

[B] Many courses
Stable or Open to Change?

Other issues:

- How do children shape their own development?
- How does the sociocultural context influence development?
- How can children promote children’s well-being?