

mate groups in which relationships with trusted caregivers can be established and have a chance to grow and become the base for social, emotional, and intellectual learning in a safe and interesting environment.

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## Questions about Reading 2

1. Lally defines curriculum *extremes* as either 1. "all infants and toddlers need are safe environments and tender loving care." Or 2. "infants need to be intellectually stimulated by adult-directed developmentally appropriate activities." What do you think?
2. Lally uses the term "lesson" in his article. What do you think he means?
3. He also states, "American child care managers need to come to grips with the fact that much of what they are requiring of their caregivers with regard to lesson plans is inappropriate." Have you had experience writing lesson plans for infants and toddlers? If yes, do you agree or disagree with his statement? Why?
4. What do you think he means when he says, "the infant should be 'an active partner' in the process of curriculum selection"?