

A butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on a purple flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts.

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BACKWARD CHILDREN

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Educational Psychology

Definition

- “Backwardness in general is applied to cases where their educational attainments are lower than what they are capable of”: -

Burton Hart

- “Backward pupil is one who, compared with other pupils of the same chronological age, shows marked educational deficiency”: -

Schonell

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- Backwardness may be in physical, emotional, social and intellectual developments of an individual.
- Generally, backward children are classified into two distinct categories -
- In first categories backwardness is determined on the basis of IQ of the children, called mental retardation.

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- In second category the backward child is treated in terms of his academic achievement in the school subjects, comes under educational retardation.

Arrangements for education

- There are three possible alternative arrangements for the education of backward children –
 - 1. In a regular class with other children
 - 2. In a separate class within the same school
 - 3. In separate schools

Arrangements cont....

- **In regular class –**
- Under modern school conditions where the consideration is given to individual differences and social development is the major consideration for promotion, much less frustration is the rule.

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- But in regular class teacher has no more time to furnish endless repetitions necessary for the adequate learning of the backward children
- Thus, the sufficient individual attention can not be provided to backward children in regular class arrangement.

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- **The special class –**
- To remove defects of regular class-room teaching of backward children, the special class arrangement has been developed. In such class children from IQ 60-75 are placed.
- In such classes, only 15-20 children are kept.

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- **The special schools –**
- Special schools may be opened for mentally handicapped children with special arrangement of equipment and specially trained teachers for backward children.

Characteristics

- Backward children have the following characteristics-:
- Their Educational Quotient is below than 85.
- They are slow in academic, social, emotional and physical areas.
- They are slow learners and find it difficult to keep pace with the normal school work.
- They are unable to handle abstract and symbolic materials.

Characteristics cont...

- They need repetition and drill work to remember
- They may show backwardness in one subject or more than one subject or in all the subjects.
- They are unable to understand complicated games.
- Usually they remain in same class for a number of years.

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