

Tips on Working with 5- to 8-year-olds:

- The desire for affection may lead to squabbles over teen's attention.
- All children need lots of positive reinforcement, such as saying "good job" and "I like the way you are listening."
- Rules should be written and posted.
- Activities should be short and varied.
- Directions need to be short and broken into small pieces.
- Physical games often work well.

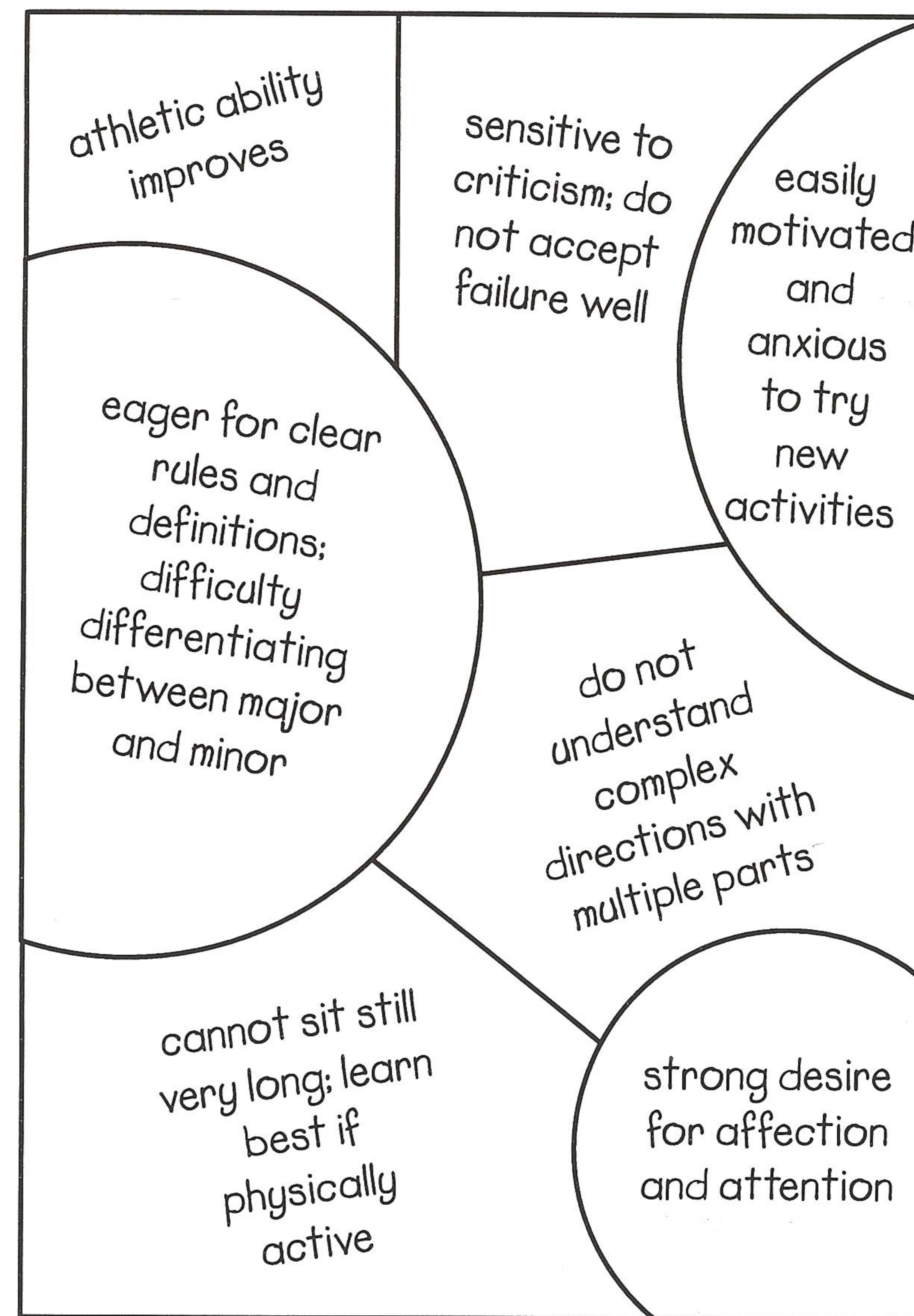
Tips on Working with 9- to 12-year-olds:

- This age group imitates teenagers, so teen teachers need to be good role models.
- Children may enjoy activities turned into verbal and physical games.
- It is helpful to break longer activities into sections.
- Allowing same-sex groups is OK as long as all groups are treated equally.
- Rituals and traditions can be developed within a group.

Source: Cole, M., and S. Cole, *The Development of Children*, 4th ed. (New York: Worth Publishers 2001).

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