

Reinterpreting (Mis)behavior through Understanding Children's Brain Development

Some Functions of the Mature Frontal Lobe*

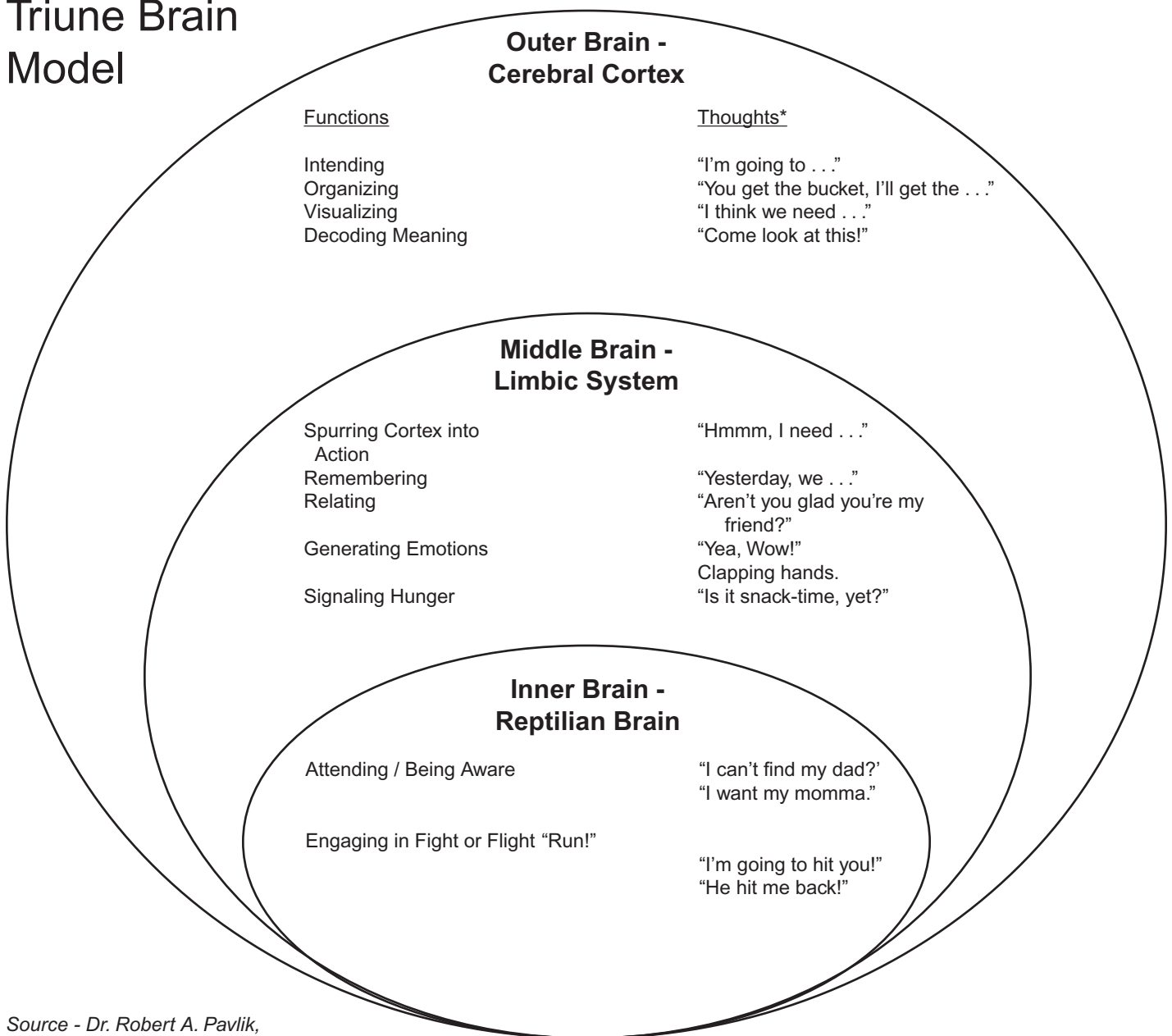
- 1) Can think of alternatives
- 2) Is aware of consequences
- 3) Can plan ahead
- 4) Has self-control
- 5) Express empathy
- 6) Can reason and think critically

* The Frontal Lobe is the final part of the cortex to mature, this maturation occurring between the years 14 to 31 years of age.

Classic Responses to "(Mis)behaviors"

- 1) Use your words
- 2) What will happen if you hit
- 3) What can you do next time
- 4) Keep your hands to yourself
- 5) Say you're sorry
- 6) Time out to think about it

Triune Brain Model



Source - Dr. Robert A. Pavlik, Institute for the Transformation of Learning, Marquette University, 2001.

*Children's responses adapted - B. Bos & M. Leeman