

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

School-age children do not grow as quickly as infants and toddlers. However, their growth remains constant. Unscramble the underlined words to complete this activity. Write the correct answer in the space following the scrambled word.

Jim is nine-years-old. He is the average size for a typical boy his age. He is (1) ATLERL **TALLER** and (2) AVIEERH **HEAVIER** than the girls his age. He has reached about 75 percent of his adult (3) EHIHTG **HEIGHT**.

His (4) EDHA **HEAD** looks smaller because his height is increasing. His (5) MARS **ARMS** and (6) GELS **LEGS** are longer in relationship to his height. He has a lower center of (7) IRVTYAG **GRAVITY** and better (8) LNCAEAB **BALANCE**. The trunk of his body is twice as (9) LGON **LONG** and (10) DWEI **WIDE** as when he was born.

Tom has lost that babyish looking face. The (11) LWREO **LOWER** part of his face is catching up with the (12) PERUP **UPPER** half, which grew faster in earlier development. His (13) EHREAODF **FOREHEAD** is not as high. His facial features are more (14)TPMINRENO **PROMINENT**. His permanent (15) ETTHE **TEETH** begin to change the look of his lower face.

Jim's bones are (16) AHRDRE **HARDER** and longer and grow (17) TAFRSE **FASTER** than his muscles. This makes Jim have a loose-jointed, sort of (18) WADARWK **AWKWARD** look. He does not like to sit still and complains of (19) WGINGRO **GROWING** pains.

Jim's internal organs are also growing. His (20) RABIN **BRAIN** is almost 95 percent of its adult weight. It has developed many connections between (21) REVEN **NERVE** cells and is continually becoming more (22) CDSEIALIEPZ **SPECIALIZED** .

Jim's (23) ARTEH **HEART** is small compared to his entire body. His endurance is not great because of this.

His (24)BAYEELLS **EYEBALLS** have matured, which gives him increased (25) ASVIUL **VISUAL** acuity.

His improved hearing enables him to hear small (26) FDINFERSECEES **DIFFERENCES** in words that sound similar. This is very helpful in his increased (27) OOSHLC KORW **SCHOOL WORK** .