

Exercise 2-1: Problem Definition

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the statements below and write a specific behavioral statement of the problem to replace the vague statement.

- A. Matthew (2½ years old) is a cry baby. When I leave him, he cries and clings to me making a big fuss. He is the biggest baby around.

- B. Mary (3 years old) is a lazy dawdler. She won't concentrate on dressing unless I am right there beside her. If I leave, she begins to look at a book, play, or whatever. I have trouble getting her ready and getting to work by 9 AM.

- C. Margaret (18 months old) is so uncoordinated, she can't do anything. She can't even build a tower of four blocks like Amy. Whenever Margaret tries to build a tower, the blocks fall down and she whines and cries.

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: A. Matt cries when I leave him. B. Mary needs my company to dress. C. Margaret can't build a tower of four blocks.