

Match the Principles with the following descriptions.

- A. Development is continuous
- B. Development follows a set order
- C. The rate of development changes over time
- D. People develop at different rates
- E. All types of development are connected
- F. The body develops from head to toe
- G. The body develops from the trunk outward
- H. Both heredity and environment affect development

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