

GEM LEVELS

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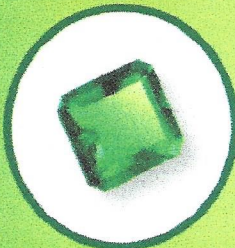
Sapphires

Fully independent in cognitive skills, but may be forgetful
May need more time to reach decisions
Wants to live life the way they want to



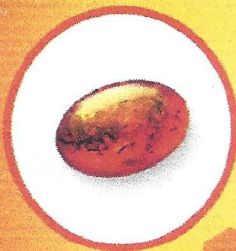
Diamonds

Still sharp and clear, but not able to hold onto new information
Prefers familiar routines, habits, and schedules; difficulty letting go
Knows who's in charge and respects authority more than family and friends
Becomes more territorial and less aware of boundaries
Tells the same stories and asks the same questions
Uses social skills to cover cognitive difficulties



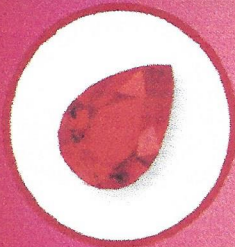
Emeralds

Thinks they are FINE, but flaws are apparent to others
Gets lost in past life, past places and past roles
Fears being seen as incompetent, but needs friendly guidance and assistance
Responds better to limited choices - "this or that"
Tends to be on the go; needs help structuring the day
Repeatedly ask questions - What? Where? When?



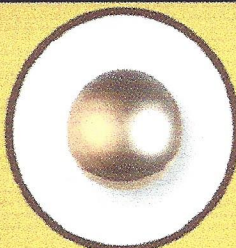
Ambers

Lives in the moment and not aware of the larger environment
Has difficulty understanding what you're saying and telling you their needs
Reacts physically if they can't figure something out
Frequently needs physical guidance to be successful at completing tasks
Very busy meeting sensory needs (touching, tasting, exploring, gathering)
Seeks out stimulation they like and avoids what they don't like



Rubies

Slow to change; on the go or at a full stop
Limited visual awareness; one direction only: forward
Can't express needs, we have to anticipate and meet needs for them
Can engage in music or rhythm better than conversation
Losing fine motor skills, but can imitate BIG movements



Pearls

Hidden in a shell
Still and quiet; easily lost
Unable to move; hard to connect with
Primitive reflexes on the outside