

English Course for M .A Education

Sociological Definitions of Socialisation

- **General Definition:** Socialisation is the **process by which individuals learn and adopt the cultural patterns, social norms, and values of their society** through interaction with family, peers, institutions, and media (McLeod, 2025).
- **Lifelong Process:** It is not limited to childhood but continues throughout life, encompassing **primary socialisation** (family and early caregivers), **secondary socialisation** (schools, peers, workplaces), and **resocialisation** (adapting to new roles or contexts) (Grusec & Hastings, 2015).
- **Functional Role:** Socialisation ensures **social integration**, the transmission of culture, and the reproduction of social order across generations (Serpa & Ferreira, 2017).
- **Identity Formation:** It is central to the development of **self-concept, identity, and social roles**, shaping how individuals perceive themselves and others (Pinto, 1995; Serpa, 2018).

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