

NUANCE

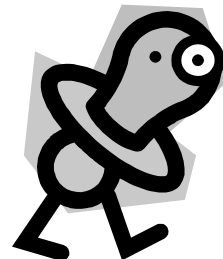
On to a lighter subject, a nuance is described as: a shade of difference or delicate variation in the tone or meaning {such as in a word, phrase, or event}.



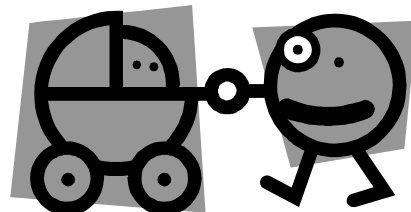
A nuance is not a piece of *breakthrough* or *flash* news – like something that the newspaper would print on the front page; rather, it is a small development or change that may get only an equal degree of attention. Still, the information is beneficial if just because it is new. I suspect that such flash, headline news might possibly be simply a nuance if the truth were known – but this is just my opinion of course.

If a couple announces that they are going to have a baby, the announcement is likely big news; but information through that process as well as between major steps in the child’s development, could be nuances. Recall in a previous letter entitled “Milestone”, the development of a child was provided in graphical form. All the stuff that occurs in between these major milestones could be considered as nuances.

Two of you were pacifier kids; and one of you liked pacifiers like the Gerber NUK. We spent many hours searching for a pacifier or maintaining them for one of those moments. When you were without, we were in trouble! Searching high and low, in the house and in the car, the retrieval of your NUK would easily qualify as a nuance but could easily be elevated to a flash or something on scale of a crisis. As your desire for the NUK dissipated, so too did one concern on our part...which was probably a nuance.



Raising children has all kinds of nuances. I have spent much time thinking of those nuances from the routine stuff like bathing, eating and diaper changes to potty-training and walking. These early years of your life remain an indelible part of my memory for which we share without restraint or limitation by any decree, state or authority; as such, I will hold these memories in the capacity of my mind such that my heart may remain affectionately and always your father.



In a **WORD**