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In this study, the researcher discussed the struggle of David as the major character in the A Child Called “It” book by Dave Pelzer. The purpose of the study is to analyze a struggle of a child in A Child Called “It” book based on the structural elements and behaviorist approach.

This research is a qualitative research. There are two types of data source, namely primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is from A Child Called “It” book and the secondary data source is from book, internet, or other information that related with behaviorist approach to analyze the research. The data analyze based on behaviorist approach. In analyzing the data the researcher uses a descriptive analysis. Based on the analysis, it focuses on the major character David which shows childhood can influence personality development of a people.

The result of the study shows that the environment gives strong influence on the people’s personality especially on childhood. A childhood experience influences in personality development of human because every moment that happened in our life especially in our childhood can influence our personality development.

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