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A person who is slow to develop/grow.

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In essence, the basic or most important idea or quality of something.

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Get my act together.