

Age	Play
Birth to 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responds to caregivers</li> <li>• Coos and smiles</li> <li>• Responds to familiar voices</li> <li>• Focuses on objects</li> </ul>
4 to 7 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys social games with caregiver</li> <li>• Likes exploratory play supported by caregiver</li> <li>• Plays some games with caregiver like peek-a-boo and patty cake</li> </ul>
8 to 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begins to imitate play actions or behavior of others, especially caregiver</li> <li>• Plays hiding games, songs, and rhymes with caregiver</li> <li>• Plays alone without caregiver for short periods</li> </ul>
13 to 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys play with objects</li> <li>• Increased interest in watching other children play (onlooker)</li> <li>• Primarily plays alone (solitary)</li> <li>• May offer toys to caregiver or other children</li> <li>• May choose independent play close to other children (parallel) but not interact with them</li> </ul>
25 to 36 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May play with other children but in an occasional or limited way (associative)</li> <li>• Some cooperation and talking with other children</li> <li>• May take leader/follower roles in play</li> <li>• Some pretend play</li> <li>• Still plays alone frequently</li> <li>• Begins (30–36 months) to interact with other children in play (cooperative play)</li> </ul>