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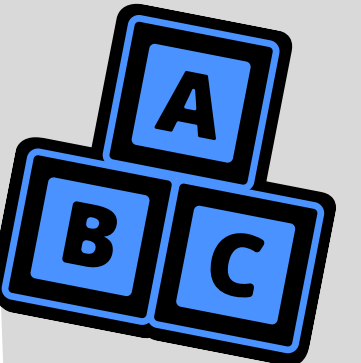
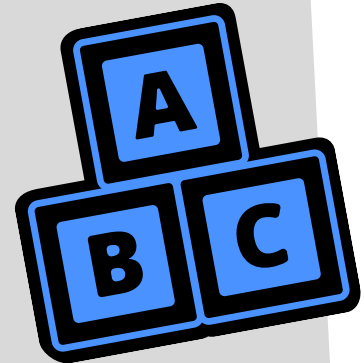
Playing with Your Child



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Play provides an ideal context for having positive and meaningful interactions with your child. Playing with your child supports your child's learning and development in many ways!

See below for some tips for ways to play with your child:



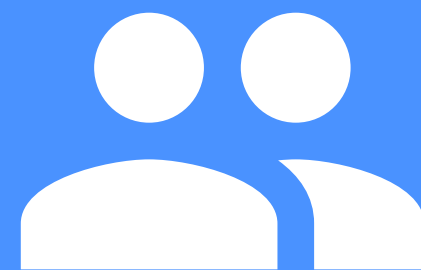
Say what they say, do what they do...

Copy your child's words and actions to let him/her know you are there and responsive.



If your child says "car," you can point to the car and say, "car."

If your child bounces the ball, you can bounce the ball.



Describe what they're doing ...

Say what your child is doing while he/she is playing using language your child would use.



If your child is tapping on a drum, you can say, "tapping the drum!" You can do this about every 15 seconds.

Add new language and play ideas ...

Once you've established a play routine, add new language or play actions to keep your child interested.

If your child says, "car", you can say, "it's a fast car!"



If your child is holding a baby, you can hold the baby and model feeding it.

For more information about playing with your child, [click here.](#)

