

Baby Fun and Play with your Baby

As you watch your baby play with their toys, join in and play with the toys the same way that they are playing with them.

Make a hammock out of a blanket with you holding one end and someone else holding the other end. Place your baby in and sway them gently and close to the ground.

Put some towels and pillows in a laundry basket or box. Then, sit your child in it, and push or pull the basket or box around your home.



Blow up a balloon and pass your baby to explore. Just keep an eye out, as if they squeeze it too tight, it'll burst, which can startle your little one.

While sitting, put your baby on your knees and bounce them gently. As you're bouncing them, pretend you're a horse and say "Giddyap"!

When your baby is playing with a toy, show them how to play with it in different ways (even if it's not the conventional way of playing with it).

Play "airplane" with your baby by resting their tummy on your arm and swing them back and forth.

In a dark room, turn on a flashlight or a lamp and make shadows with your hands. Encourage your baby to do the same.



Blow up a balloon in front of your baby, but instead of tying it, let it deflate around the room. Watch your baby's reactions.

Songs to Sing to your Baby

Giddyap!

(Bounce baby on knee or lap)
Giddyap, giddyap, ride to town.
Giddyap, giddyap, up and down.
Giddyap fast. Giddyap slow.
Giddyap, giddyap, giddyap, WHOA!

See You Later, Alligator

See you later, alligator. *(Wave your hand)*
In a while, crocodile. *(Clap your hands)*
Give a hug, ladybug. *(Give baby a hug)*
Blow a kiss, jellyfish. *(Give baby a kiss)*
Bye, bye, butterfly. (x2)
(Wave your hands up and down)



Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory dickory dock.
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one. The mouse ran down.
Hickory dickory dock.

Other verses: the clock struck two... the mouse said, "Boo!"; the clock struck three... the mouse said, "Whee!"; the clock struck four... the mouse said, "No more!"

Singing Tip!

For "Hickory Dickory Dock", clap your hands for when the clock strikes and clap them for the number you say (i.e. When clock strikes one, clap once. When clock strikes two, clap twice.)