

**8 - 12
months**

1. Your baby will be interested in banging objects to make noise. Give your baby blocks to bang, rattles to shake, or wooden spoons to bang on containers. Show your baby how to bang objects together.

2. Your baby will begin using his index fingers to poke. Let your baby poke at a play telephone or busy box. Your baby will want to poke at faces. Name the body parts as your baby touches your face.

3. Read baby books or colorful magazines by pointing and telling your baby what is in the picture. Let your baby pat pictures in the book.

4. Your baby will play more with different sounds like “la-la” and “da-da.” Copy the sounds your baby makes. Add a new one and see if your baby tries it, too. Enjoy your baby’s early attempts at talking.

