

# The ABC's of Entertaining Your Baby

## Your A-to-Z Guide to Creative Play

**A** **Ace the Alphabet**  
Share ABC books and matching games with your little one. Let him stick **LARGE** letter magnets to your refrigerator, or rubber ones to your tub.

**B** **Build with Blocks**  
Sort them **OUT**, line them up, **STACK THEM HIGH**, or knock them down!

**C** **Color Her World**  
Take a **S L O W** walk around your home, picking one **color** to point out as you go.

**D** **Dish up a Discovery**  
Play show-and-tell as you pull out a new toy—or any household object. Try a large plastic spoon; a clean, damp cloth; or a paper plate.

**E** **Exhale for Entertainment**  
Babies love **bubbles**, so take a deep breath, and then blow awesome shapes for her to follow with her eyes and hands.

**F** **Face the Facts**  
Funny faces will surprise your little one and make him **giggle**.

**G** **Get to the Gym... In Your House**  
Share tummy time, or let your cutie lounge on a baby-size floor mat.

**H** **Host a Housewarming**  
Haul out that kiddie kitchen and toys he can push or pull, like a doll stroller or mini shopping cart.

**I** **Imitate**  
Use hand motions for the "Itsy Bitsy Spider," and then move on to "Pat-a-Cake" and "The Wheels on the Bus."

**J** **Jump for Joy**  
Place your baby in a doorway jumper or just hold her with your hands and help her **PROPEL** off the ground.

**K** **Keep Them in the Kitchen**  
Chat as you wash dishes or prep veggies. Give him a little container of water to **splash** or some soft food to mash so he can imitate you.

**L** **Look and Listen**  
Sit in front of a mirror with your baby and talk about hands, feet, legs, facial expressions, the clothes you're wearing—anything at all!

**M** **Make Music Together**  
Sing, use kid-size musical instruments, or bang on pots and pans with wooden **spoons**.

**N** **Nest a Toy**  
Pull out a set of nesting cups and show your little one how to: **fit them together** or **UP THEM STACK**. Or give her a bucket of soft toys and let her put them in and take them out.

**O** **Open and Close**  
Demonstrate cause and effect with doors that shut tight and swing open, or lights that go **on** and **off**.

**P** **Peek and Play**  
There's a reason why peek-a-boo is a classic. Babies love it! Hide your baby's face, your own face, your pet's or a doll's, and then—presto!—the big reveal.

**Q** **Question, Then Answer**  
Babies are curious. Ask yours a question, even if he can't reply. Then seek the answer together.

**R** **Roll a Ball**  
Gather balls with different textures and give them a spin, back and forth with your baby.

**S** **Swing High and Low**  
Slip your baby into an indoor swing, visit the playground, or just swing dance with her in your arms.

**T** **Touch a Texture**  
Share different tactile sensations. What can you find for him to touch that's **soft**, **cool**, **ROUGH**, or **fuzzy**?

**U** **Up and Down**  
Hold your baby securely, lift her up, and then swoop her down so she can see the world in a whole new way.

**V** **Visit the Vicinity**  
Take a walk in your neighborhood and talk about scenery. Sometimes, carry your baby, or let him walk, just for a change.

**W** **Watch Her in Water**  
Bath time is playtime, especially with simple toys and plenty of time to experiment and splash.

**X** **XOXOXO**  
Love her lots. Hugs, kisses, and cuddles **brighten** the days.

**Y** **Yield to Your Inner Showman**  
Teach your baby a new trick, like pointing, clapping, or saying a new word.

**Z** **Zip to the Zoo**  
to visit the animals. Or make your own zoo at home with his favorite stuffed critters.