

Development of Play

Age	Type of Play	Explanation	Level of Play	Explanation	Suggestions
0-2years	Solitary Play	Child plays alone. Limited interaction with other children	Exploratory 0-18 months	Shakes, mouths, bangs and turns over toys and other objects	Encourage your child to hear, see, touch, move, taste and smell objects and foods that are commonly found in your home
2-2 ½ years	Spectator	Observe other children	Functional 18-24 months	Uses objects the way they were meant to be used (eg. Rolls a ball, stacks blocks, listens to a toy phone)	Show your child how to use objects, see if they will copy you If not, give them hand over hand assistance