



Copy me!



You will need



Crumpled paper/
shiny paper



Shaker/rattle



wooden spoon



Steps:

1. Give your child different objects to explore, e.g. spoons, shiny paper, empty pots, rattles and shakers.
2. Crumple up bits of paper or bang objects together to make interesting noises and encourage your child to copy you...
3. Talk to your child and make babble sounds to him/her. Follow your child's lead and if they make a sound then copy that sound back. Imitate their expressions and noises. Stop and give him/her time to make sounds back to you.
4. Now switch roles and make a face, then watch their intense expression and see if they try to imitate you. Your child will be learning to take turns when you play this game!
5. Be sure to pick up on their cues and when they are done playing and look away, stop. When they look back at you then smile and begin again.
6. Allow your child to play for as long as they are interested. You can repeat this activity again and again.



Play social games with your child, e.g., pat-a-cake and peek-a-boo. Your child will enjoy playing these games again and again, and this repetition helps your child to learn.



What's next?