



Listen for Your Baby's Name

Find the photo on the wall and call your baby's name.

Helps Your Child Grow



Sense of Identity and Belonging

Hearing their name repeatedly while looking at their own photo helps your baby begin connecting the name with themselves.



Communicating and Speaking

Responding when your baby shows interest in a photo and describing its people and actions gives them practice joining an everyday exchange.

Steps

- Choose three to five photos of your baby and place them on the same wall at home.
- Hold your baby near the closest photo. Gently say their name as you move toward it: "Where are you?"
- Repeat the name softly and make eye contact whenever you find another photo. This back-and-forth helps connect the familiar sound with your baby's emerging sense of self.
- If they respond with a look or movement, point and say, "You know that name. Look - there you are!"
- At each new picture, smile, say your baby's name, and add, "We found you!" Pause so they can study the image.
- Describe what is happening in the picture or share a short memory from when it was taken, drawing attention to familiar people and features.

Tips

- Make the interaction more engaging by saying your baby's name in a cheerful voice and adding an expressive gesture to catch their attention.

Observations

- ☐ Looks toward you on hearing their name
- ☐ Reaches toward the photo and waits to hear you talk about it