



Meet the Little Yellow Duck



Meet the Squeaky Duck

Squeeze a rubber duck to invite exploration. Your baby can try, ask for help, repeat the action that creates a sound, and discover more than one way to make it happen.

Helps Your Child Grow



Exploration and Discovery

Repeatedly squeezing the toy and hearing it squeak helps your baby connect an action with its result and encourages flexible exploration.

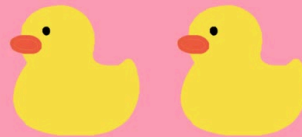


Relationships with Adults

Your responsive help during exploration gives your baby practice communicating a need and cooperating with you.



What You'll Need



Rubber duck

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1. A squeaky rubber duck



Invite the First Try

Sit face-to-face, squeeze the duck once, and let the sound catch your baby's attention. Offer the duck and watch their attempt. If it does not squeak, wait for a request for help, then demonstrate more slowly.

Observations

- Looks toward you or reaches for help when the duck does not squeak
- Attempts to squeeze the duck without making a sound

Tips

- Put other toys away so the duck remains the clearest object to explore.
- After a silent squeeze, encourage another try: "Try again. Duck is almost ready to squeak!"
- If repeated attempts do not work, squeeze together once and then return the duck for another independent try.



Connect the Squeeze and Sound

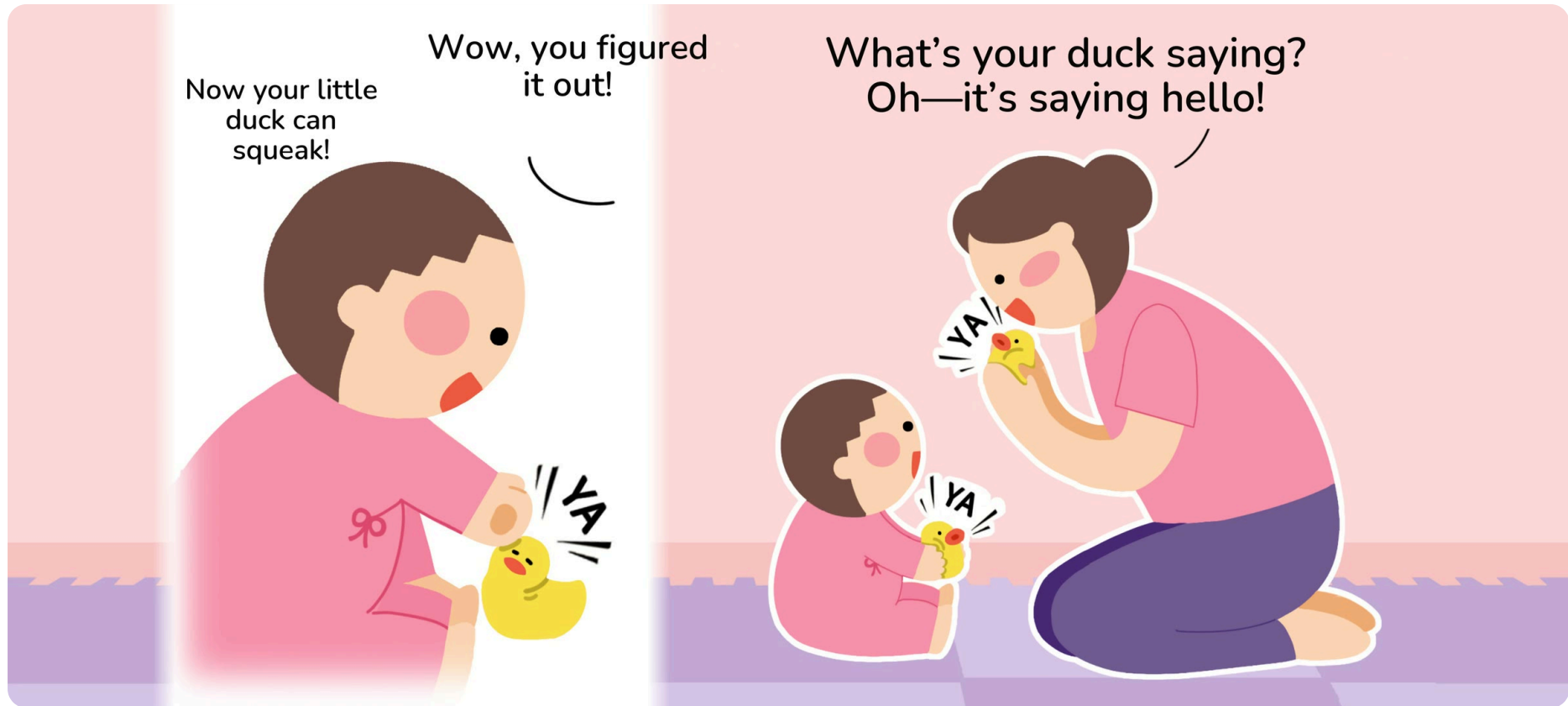
Encourage your baby to explore the duck in several ways. The first time a squeeze produces a sound, describe the result: “You squeezed it, and it squeaked!” Respond again whenever the action works so the connection becomes noticeable.

Observations

- Repeatedly squeezes the duck to make it squeak
- Explores the duck with several actions, including mouthing it

Tips

- Mouthing or rubbing the duck is also exploration. Describe it, then gently redirect toward using the hands if needed.
- Guide one squeeze together, then let go so your baby can test the action again.
- Take turns: “My turn - squeak. Your turn - squeak.”



Find Another Way to Squeak

Invite your baby to try making the duck sound with a palm, fist, or foot. After one method works, offer the duck in a new position and see whether they choose another action.

Observations

- Chooses a different action to try to make the duck squeak
- Stays eagerly engaged with you and the duck

Tips

- If a one-handed pat makes the duck squeak, name the discovery and invite another experiment.
- Keep the language playful: “Duck sings when I squeeze - squeak, squeak. Can you make Duck sing?”
- When the same method repeats, acknowledge it first, then make one small change to invite a new choice.