



Animal Parade

Follow your child's interest and discover different animals together.

Helps Your Child Grow



Communicating and Speaking

Choosing an animal and communicating that choice with a sound or gesture gives your baby a meaningful way to express interest and needs.



Initiative and Curiosity

Choosing an animal that interests them and communicating that choice with a sound or gesture gives your baby experience initiating an interaction and expressing a preference.

Steps

- Sit facing your baby with a set of animal figures hidden behind you. Place two figures in front of them.
- Watch which animal draws their attention and give space for a reach, sound, look, or point.
- When your baby chooses, put the intention into words: "Oh, you want the tiger." Hand over the figure and confirm, "This is a tiger."
- Make the animal's sound or movement and pause to see whether your baby responds or imitates.
- When interest fades, offer two different animals and repeat.
- After every animal has appeared once, pair earlier choices in new combinations so your baby has more opportunities to explore and choose.

Tips

- Add movements while making animal sounds - for example, gently tickle your baby while pretending to be a monkey.
- On later rounds, mix one new animal in with familiar ones and notice how your baby responds.

Observations

- Points to an animal figure or makes a sound to show interest
- Reaches for an animal that interests them