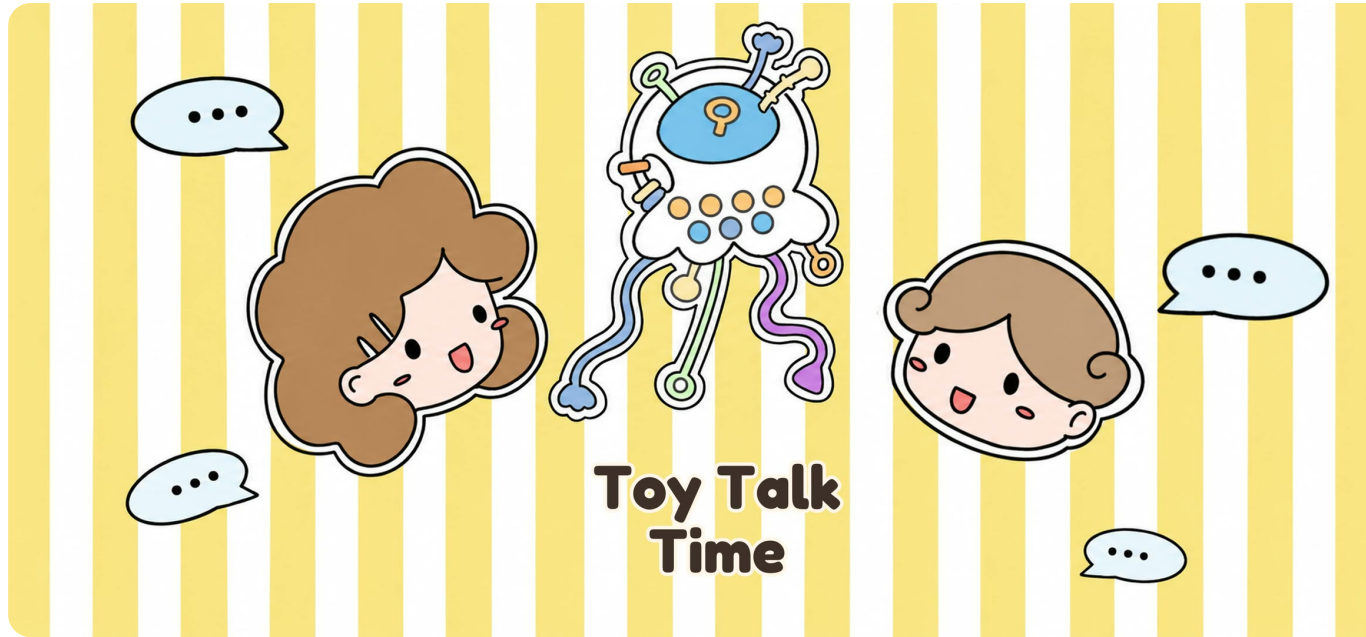




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Join your baby as they play. Watch what interests them, describe what they are doing, and respond to their looks, movements, and sounds so the conversation can keep going.

Helps Your Child Grow



Communicating and Speaking

Starting with what your baby is doing, pausing for a response, and changing the play when their interest shifts creates an ongoing back-and-forth exchange.

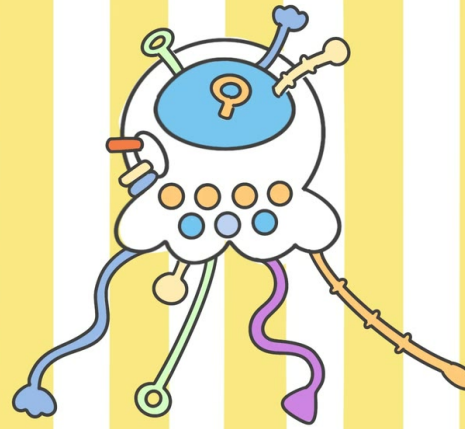


Fine Motor

Watching you demonstrate different parts of a toy and trying each action gives your baby practice pulling, pressing, turning, and using other small hand movements.



What You'll Need



Pull-String Activity Toy

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1. A pull-and-play activity toy



Start by Watching

When your baby is playing with the toy, watch what they do and describe it to begin a conversation. If they pause or look toward you, join the play and demonstrate another part of the toy. Keep talking as you explore it together.

Observations

- Looks toward the toy as you talk and demonstrate a new action
- Lifts the toy and shows it to you

Tips

- At nine months, your baby may respond to familiar short phrases such as “Look at Mom” or “Clap your hands” by turning, looking, or making a sound.
- Follow your baby’s attention to keep the topic interesting: talk about what they see and describe what they do.



Babble Back and Forth

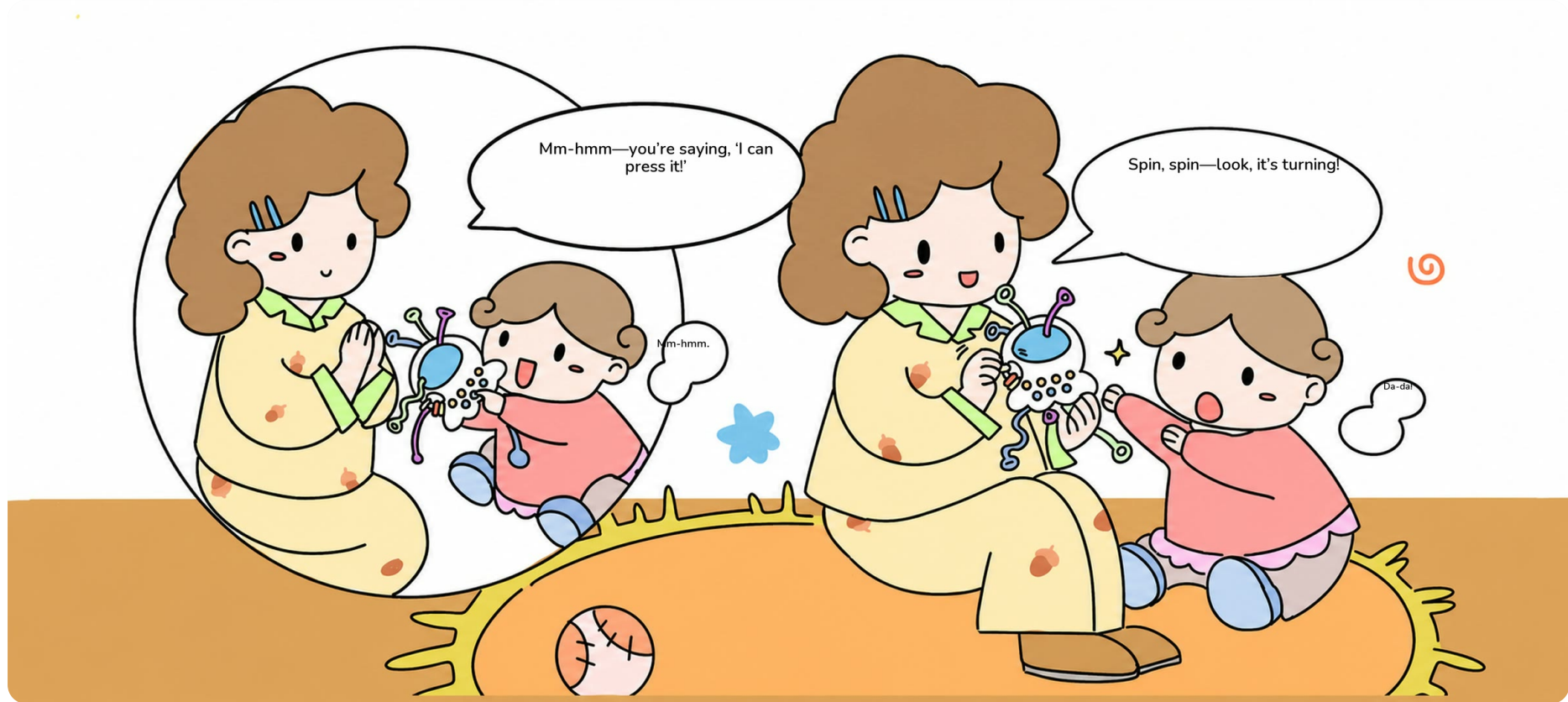
If your baby babbles or reaches toward the toy, hand it to them so they can try the new action. When they begin pressing or exploring, join in again and continue the back-and-forth conversation.

Observations

- Presses a button on the toy with one finger
- Looks toward you, reaches, or makes a sound to ask for the toy

Tips

- Pause after you speak. Your baby may answer with a look, movement, or sound.
- When your baby babbles to you, respond right away: “Oh, do you want this?” Then keep the exchange going.
- Use simple words for the action you see and invite another try. If your baby presses a button, say, “You pressed it. Want to press this one too?”



Keep Following Their Interest

When your baby is enjoying the activity and making lots of sounds, stay with that topic. If they lose interest, show them a different part of the toy and begin a new way to play so the interaction can continue.

Observations

- Babbles in response while you talk
- Plays more energetically after hearing your encouragement

Tips

- Make the turn-taking rhythm clear: “Your turn, my turn.” This helps your baby experience how a conversation moves back and forth.
- Turning away or pushing the toy aside may mean your baby is finished with that action. Try a different part of the toy.
- Demonstrate actions such as pulling, pressing, and turning to support skills related to #PMP-FiM.