



Meet New People

Listen, point, and learn a new way to address someone.

Helps Your Child Grow



Vocabulary

Hearing and using a new form of address during a real interaction helps your baby connect the new word with the person it names.

Steps

- When a guest arrives, introduce them to your baby: “This is our neighbor Maya.” When Maya greets your baby, invite her to speak directly to them.
- Use the guest’s name naturally during the visit: “Maya would like to shake your hand,” or “Maya is playing with you.” Repetition helps your baby connect the name with the person.
- Once your baby is more comfortable, ask, “Where is Maya?” and see whether they turn or point.
- If your baby does not find her right away, Maya can wave, say hello, or gently offer a hand.
- When it is time to leave, invite your baby to wave or blow a kiss. If they need help, gently guide the gesture with them.

Tips

- At this age, your baby may be wary of unfamiliar people and watch them for a while. Do not pressure your baby to interact right away. Let them first observe you talking with the visitor, then invite the visitor to offer a toy or speak gently to your baby. These gradual steps can help your baby feel secure.

Observations

- ☐ Looks at or points to a guest when hearing that person’s name
- ☐ Moves closer to you when a guest is unfamiliar