

Peek-a-boo Game



Emotions

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Infant
6 weeks - 2 years

Infants will interact with adults by playing peek-a-boo and will try to do the actions themselves with an adult and through using books with similar cues.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Social

Skills:

Object
Permanence

Indicator:

Mirroring adult actions.
Responding with facial expressions and noises.
Lifting adults' hands to reveal face.



Materials

- Mirror
- Peek-a-boo books with flaps to lift
- Puzzles with flaps to lift to reveal faces or animals



Instructions

Step 1: When one-on-one with an infant or in a very small group, sit face to face or with child on your lap facing you.

Step 2: Cover your face with both hands and say "peek-a-..." and then reveal your face and say, "boo!" (you can say it in a silly voice, soft voice, etc.)

Step 3: The baby will usually react by giggling or covering her face to show she is meeting some objectives.

Step 4: Show child a mirror (can be handheld or on the wall).

Step 5: Encourage child to play peek-a-boo with their reflection.

Step 6: Have various books and puzzles near the mirror and show the infants and toddlers how to do peek-a-boo with these materials. When revealing the puzzle piece flap or when lifting the flap in the book, say, "peek-a-boo" so that it prompts prior knowledge of the game played earlier.

Playful Questions

- What parts of my face are being covered when I play peek-a-boo?
- What makes me giggle?
- What animals like to hide?
- Where is my favorite hiding place?
- What games do I love to play?