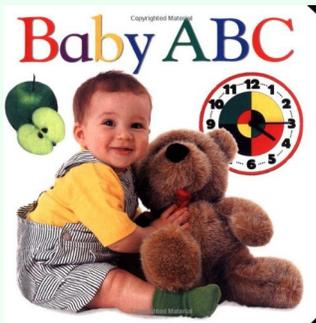


**Book to add to your child's library:** *Padded Board Books: Baby ABC* by DK Publishing



## BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

### Play Ball

Roll a large, soft ball back and forth with your baby. Try different types of balls and even a paper towel roll.

### Where Is It?

Place three plastic cups upside down on a surface in front of your child. Put a small rubber ball or other toy underneath one of the cups. Tilt the cup slightly so baby can see where the ball is, and conceal it again. Ask, "Where is the ball?" Reward him with lots of praise when she selects the right one.

### Mirror Smiles

Sit with baby in front of a mirror. Point gently and say: "Baby smiling."

### Peek-a-Smile

Cover your face briefly with hands or a cloth. Reveal with a big smile: "Smile!"

## EXPLORATION

### Random Objects

Hold up an object in front of your child, such as a piece of fruit, and describe what it is. Be sure to add in descriptive adjectives to enhance learning. (i.e., "This is an apple. It is red and round.")

### Shared Smiles

Hold baby close and make gentle eye contact. Smile and wait. Say softly:

"I see you."

"You make me happy."

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

### If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,  
give a smile  
If you're happy and you know it,  
give a smile  
If you're happy and you know it,  
And you really want to show it,  
If you're happy and you know it,  
give a smile

(Smile widely and wait; Gently touch baby's cheeks.)

### Tickle Tickle

Tickle tickle tickle where?  
Tickle, tickle on your hair,  
Tickle, tickle on your toes  
Tickle, tickle on your nose  
Tickle tickle tickle cute  
Tickle, in your birthday suit.

### Where is Thumbkin?

Where is thumbkin?  
Where is thumbkin?  
Here I am,  
Here I am,  
How are you today sir?  
Very well I thank you,  
Run away,  
Run away.

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

### Face to Face Interaction:

way home!"

**This Little Piggy:** Pulling the thumb, say, "This little piggy went to the market." Pulling the index finger, say, "This little piggy stayed home." Pulling the middle finger, say, "This little piggy had roast beef." Pulling the ring finger, say, "This little piggy had none." Pulling the pinky finger, say, "This little piggy cried 'wee wee wee' all the

### Play bicycle:

As Baby lies on her back, lift up her legs and rotate them as if she were riding a bicycle. Make up a silly rhyme to sing as you do it, such as: "I'm riding my bike today! I'm going to head out and play! I wish I might and I wish I may! Have some fun on my bike all day!"