

Vocabulary and Concepts

"Play is the activity by which the infant or young child learns about herself and about the world.

Because both the self and the world is new, a child is constantly learning, and thus continuously playing, For the infant and young child, play is not frivolous activity, but rather the most adaptive practice a child can engage in."

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- * Action words (topple, fall, swing, pop, turn, punch, pull, pour, twist, open, close, sleep, hide, float, fill, spill, turn over, squeeze, dump, pile, measure, touch, find)
- * Colors (yellow, green, blue, purple, orange, red)
- * Command: (bring me, find the, where is, get the, get it, give me the, show me the)
- * Community helpers (firefighter, mail carrier, construction workers, farmer, pilot)
- * Expressions (winking, smiling, surprised, happy)
- * Farm animals (dog, duck, frog, horse, coyote, pig, bird, kitten, cat, rooster, cow, sheep, turkey)
- * Farm equipment (tractor, barn, gate)
- * Names of vehicles (Chevy, van, concrete mixer, dump truck, cherry picker, tow truck, motorcycle, four-wheeled drive, car, sports convertible)
- * Emotions (happy, sad, laugh, cry)
- * Nouns (sun, rain, stroller, tire, wheel, gate, latch, lever, inner tube, boat raft, canoe, balls, train, airplane, suitcase, seatbelt, street light, bed, bureau)
- * Numbers (one, two, three, four, five)

There are 5 major domains of learning. They are: gross motor, fine motor, language, cognitive and social-emotional.

The following is a list of age-appropriate toys that will help your child learn as he plays, as well as vocabulary and concepts your child will be exposed to during their second year.

*Note: It's okay to get dirty! In fact, we recommend it!

- * Nursery rhymes (Jack and Jill, Hey Diddle Diddle, Mary had a Little Lamb, Eensy Weensy Spider, Humpty Dumpty, Pat-a-Cake, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Rain, Rain go Away, London Bridge is Falling Down, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hush Little Baby)
- * Opposites (behind/in front of, before/after, in/out, tall/short, up/down, under/over, high/low, dirty/clean, hi/bye, empty/full)
- * Playground equipment (slides, swings, seesaw, merry-go-around)
- * Prepositions (inside, top, on top of, over, under, up, down, out, in)
- * Questions (where, what, when, who)
- * Rooms of the house (bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom, garage)
- * Self-help skills (getting dressed, going to the potty, brushing hair, eating meals)
- * Sesame Street characters (Big Bird, Ernie, Elmo, Cookie Monster, Bert)
- * Shapes (circle, square, triangle)
- * Sizes (small, smaller, smallest, big, bigger, biggest)
- * TV characters (Barney, Baby Bop, Lamb Chop, Thomas the Tank Engine)
- * Zoo animals (elephant, monkey, parrot, bear, kangaroo, tiger)



Toys

Push and pull toys
Tasking peek-a-boo zoo

Lawn mower
Bubbles

Vacuum cleaner
Cardboard blocks

Indoor slides
Pop-up farm

Puzzles
Maracas

Xylophone
Large Balls

*Non-Toxic Play Dough

Peek-a-boo stacker

Balls in a bowl

Shape Sorter

Push n' go toys

Little people house

Listen and learn ball

The farmer says- See n' Say

*Large boxes

*Hats galore

*Mini sandbox

Sand Toys

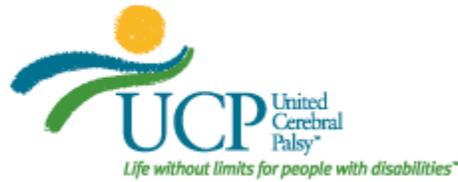
*Funny bath buckets

*Bowling set

Large containers for putting toys
into and taking toys out

CAUTION: Check toys for choking
hazards

* Asterisks indicate homemade
toys.



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Toys!

1-2 Year Olds

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**Enclosed are some
suggestions for toys to
enhance the development
of your child.**

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