

# 18 MONTHS

## WHAT MOST BABIES DO BY THIS AGE

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### SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- LIKES TO HAND THINGS TO OTHERS AS PLAY
- MAY HAVE TEMPER TANTRUMS
- MAY BE AFRAID OF STRANGERS
- SHOWS AFFECTION TO FAMILIAR PEOPLE
- PLAYS SIMPLE PRETEND, SUCH AS FEEDING A DOLL
- MAY CLING TO CAREGIVERS IN NEW SITUATIONS
- POINTS TO SHOW OTHERS SOMETHING INTERESTING
- EXPLORES ALONE BUT WITH PARENT CLOSE BY



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### COGNITIVE

(learning, thinking, problem-solving)

- Knows what ordinary things are for; for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Points to get the attention of others
- Shows interest in a doll or stuffed animal by pretending to feed
- Points to one body part
- Scribbles on his own
- Can follow 1-step verbal commands without any gestures; for example, sits when you say "sit down"



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### LANGUAGE/COMMUNICATION

- SAYS SEVERAL SINGLE WORDS
- SAYS AND SHAKES HEAD "NO"
- POINTS TO SHOW SOMEONE WHAT HE WANTS



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