

Children grow and change very quickly. How they speak, play and act give you important clues about your child's development.

Clues and Cues for Dads: 18 Months

By 18 months of age, does your child:

Language:

- Make at least 4 consonant sounds: b, n, d, g, h, w
- Say 20 or more words
- Point to at least 3 different body parts when asked

Cognitive (thinking, learning, problem-solving):

- Identify pictures in a book: "Show me the baby"
- Follow directions using "on" or "under": "put the cup on the table"

Social/Emotional:

- Show affection towards people, pets, toys
- Look at you when you are talking/playing together

Physical (movement):

- Hold a cup to drink
- Walk alone
- Stack 3 or more blocks
- Walk up a few stairs while holding your hand

How can dad help with his child's development?

- ✓ Pretend to talk to me on phone-encourage me to call someone.
- ✓ I like new toys: find toy lending libraries or play groups in community.
- ✓ I am learning new words everyday: match pictures with words games.
- ✓ I like simple puzzles with 2-4 large pieces and shape sorters with shapes.
- ✓ I feel safe and secure when I know what is expected of me: routines and setting limits, very important.
- ✓ Praise any and all good behaviour that I do.

If you have questions or concerns about any activity for your child contact a health care or child care professional.

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