

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

## Clues and Cues — 9 Months

By 9 months of age, does your child:

### Language:

- Babble a series of different sounds: 'ba', 'da', tongue clicks, 'dugu-dugu'
- Makes sounds to get attention

### Cognitive (thinking, learning, problem-solving):

- Look for hidden toys
- Imitate facial expressions

### Social/Emotional:

- Reach to be picked up and held
- Fuss/cry if familiar caregiver looks or behaves differently

### Physical (movement):

- Stand with support?
- Bang 2 objects together
- Pass an object from one hand to another hand
- Pick up small items: cheerios, crumbs, rice

How can dad help with his child's development?

- ✓ You can teach me to follow short instructions by showing me: wave bye-bye, blow kisses, and clap hands.
- ✓ Hug me and cuddle me often and tell me how wonderful I am. I need you, Daddy.
- ✓ I can now move in different directions: put toys just out of reach and make me move towards the toys.
- ✓ Help me practice using my fingers: Let me try to feed myself and to use a bowl.
- ✓ Let me sit with you for family meals
- ✓ Time to child proof your home.

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

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