

# PLAY IDEAS *for emerging communicators*

Communication starts with connection! People games and movement play are great ways to build social interest and connect with a child. This engagement and connection creates a foundation for communication skills to grow. These types of play also have many embedded opportunities for working on other important skills including communicative intent (in the form of eye gaze and gestures), understanding words, and building imitation skills.



## PEOPLE GAMES

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Peek-a-Boo, Pat-A-Cake, So Big, This Little Piggy

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Ring Around the Rosie or bounce them and sing, "Coming Around the Mountain"

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Count down and "blast off" as you lift them up  
OR do \*1-2-3-toss-ups\*

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Play hide and find using a blanket or scarf



## MOVEMENT PLAY

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Chase and gotcha!  
Ready set GO... STOP!

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Act out a song  
Ex: The Goldfish Song  
by Laurie Berkner

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Swinging, sliding, climbing, jumping, crawling through a tunnel

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Pillow fights, crash into a pillow, (gentle) tackles