

# Peek-a-boo Game



Emotions

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Infant  
6 weeks - 2 years

Infants will interact with adults by playing peek-a-boo and will try to do the actions themselves with an adult and through using books with similar cues.

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Social

### Skills:

Object  
Permanence

### Indicator:

Mirroring adult actions.  
Responding with facial expressions and noises.  
Lifting adults' hands to reveal face.



## Materials

- Mirror
- Peek-a-boo books with flaps to lift
- Puzzles with flaps to lift to reveal faces or animals

## Instructions

**Step 1:** When one-on-one with an infant or in a very small group, sit face to face or with child on your lap facing you.

**Step 2:** Cover your face with both hands and say "peek-a-..." and then reveal your face and say, "boo!" (you can say it in a silly voice, soft voice, etc.)

**Step 3:** The baby will usually react by giggling or covering her face to show she is meeting some objectives.

**Step 4:** Show child a mirror (can be handheld or on the wall).

**Step 5:** Encourage child to play peek-a-boo with their reflection.

**Step 6:** Have various books and puzzles near the mirror and show the infants and toddlers how to do peek-a-boo with these materials. When revealing the puzzle piece flap or when lifting the flap in the book, say, "peek-a-boo" so that it prompts prior knowledge of the game played earlier.

## Playful Questions

- What parts of my face are being covered when I play peek-a-boo?
- What makes me giggle?
- What animals like to hide?
- Where is my favorite hiding place?
- What games do I love to play?