

Play and Engagement Sessions

Enjoying being with another person



Activity 1: Row, Row, Row your Boat

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ROCK BACK AND FORTH
WITH A PARTNER

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=F-BVN97JIXc&hl=en-GB>

Offer your hands out as you sing the song. Is the child willing to tolerate holding hands. Allow the child to come to you to do the actions. Over-dramatize your actions and show signs of enjoyment such as smiling and laughing to encourage participation. Repeat several times.

Activity 2: Rolling a ball/car



Get some toys that you can play with together, these should be something the child has shown interest in previously and is familiar with.

You might roll a ball or car between you.

If the child doesn't come straight away, play yourself and make it look like a really good game to play that you are enjoying. Don't force it, look for signs that they are interested such as they may look your way. Child begins to respond (although not consistently) to what is happening in the interaction – e.g. by showing signs of surprise, enjoyment, frustration, dissatisfaction. Child engages in sharing or taking turns with the ball.

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Activity 3: Blowing bubbles



Blow bubbles and watch to see if the child responds, again if they are not interested straight away do it by yourself.

If you could stopped blowing them, see if the child indicates to you that they want you to carry on with the activity this may be a visual indication, a physical one by pushing your hand or a verbal request. If they are using PECS they may exchange a symbol or they could sign more if they are using simple sign language.

Looking at exploring bubbles together sharing joint focus and attention.

Symbols you might need:

