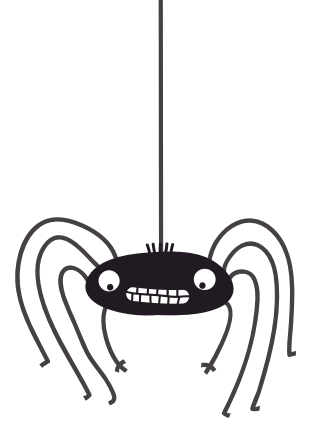


18-24 Months



At this age, toddlers are starting to name familiar objects – teddy bear, flower, car.

Activity: When you go out for a walk together, or your toddler is in the shopping trolley while you are grocery shopping, ask them to name things they see, as well as colours and shapes.

Toddlers start to sing at this age. They can often sing longer words and phrases than they can speak.

Activity: Play nursery rhymes or songs in the car and sing along together.

Toddlers start role playing, often based on activities which are familiar to them from their everyday lives, like shopping or going to the vet with the family dog.

Activity: Find some old clothes or go to the Op Shop and buy some cheap secondhand clothes for your toddler to dress up in.

Toddlers love (LOVE) repetition at this age. This is why they want you to read the same book over and over.

Activity: Find a swap mart or markets with book stalls and encourage your toddler to choose a new book or two. Try looking for rhyming books or books that repeat words. Dr Seuss books like *Green Eggs and Ham* are wonderful for that reason.

