

Your Child At

18 months

DEVELOPMENT CHECK



Social/Emotional

- Likes to hand things to others as play
- May have temper tantrums
- May be afraid of strangers
- Shows affection to familiar people
- Plays simple pretend
- May cling to caregivers in new situations
- Points to show others something interesting
- Explores alone but with parents close by

Language/Communication

- Says several single words
- Says and shakes head "no"
- Points to show someone what they want



Cognitive

- Knows what ordinary things are for
- Points to get attention of others
- Show interest in a doll or stuffed animal by pretending to feed
- Points to one body part
- Scribbles on their own
- Can follow 1-step verbal commands without any gestures; for example, sits when you say sit down

Movement/Physical Development

- Walks alone
- May walk up steps and run
- Pulls toy while walking
- Can help dress themselves
- Drinks from a cup
- Eats with a spoon

