



Making friends

Deadly at 3-6 months

- Looks and smiles when smiled at.
- Enjoys playing with familiar people.
- Starts to show some shyness with unfamiliar people.

Deadly at 6-9 months

- Uses eye contact and shows different facial expressions.
- Recognises familiar people.
- May be shy with strangers and clingy with familiar people.

Deadly at 9-12 months

- Enjoys communicating with familiar people using eye contact and facial expression.
- Can be shy with unfamiliar people and seek out familiar people for comfort.
- Enjoys taking turns when playing games (e.g. peek-a-boo, clapping).

Deadly at 12-18 months

- Plays happily beside other children.
- Plays games with carer or another familiar person.
- Repeats actions or sounds to get attention (e.g. dropping toys, squealing).
- By 18 months starting to learn routine behaviours when asked (e.g. 'sit down', 'come here').

Deadly at 2 years

- Happily plays near or with other children.
- Begins to include other children in simple play.
- Is developing more self-control but sometimes finds it hard to control emotions.

Deadly at 3 years

- Plays together with other children.
- Understands sharing play things, taking turns and simple rules.
- With familiar people, can separate from parents/carer.
- Can tell you their name when asked.

Deadly at 4 years

- Plays cooperatively, understands simple rules, taking turns and sharing with other children.
- Separates happily from parent/carer.

Deadly at 5 years

- Cooperates with other children and understands the need for rules and fair play (e.g. sharing, negotiating).
- Shows affection and sympathy to others.
- Chooses own friends or play mates.
- General behaviour, more sensible, controlled and independent.



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