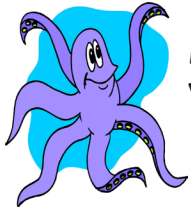
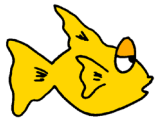


YOUR NINE MONTH OLD



Now and in the next few months, your child will:

- ♥ Look for objects he drops
- ♥ Know when her name is called
- ♥ Remember toys and experiences
- ♥ Find a toy when it is hidden under a cover
- ♥ Respond with correct gesture to "Up" and "Bye-Bye"
- ♥ Clap hands and frown when he is displeased
- ♥ Indicate wants by vocalizing and jabbering
- ♥ Move to sitting position from stomach
- ♥ Pull up to standing and climb things
- ♥ Drink from a cup with some help
- ♥ Build a tower of two objects
- ♥ Feed herself finger foods (keep them small)
- ♥ Open lower cabinets if unlocked



TOYS OF INTEREST

- ♥ Pots-pans ♥ Water in small container
- ♥ Hard page books ♥ Plastic cups for pouring
- ♥ Water play and bath toys ♥ Hinged objects
- ♥ Blocks for stacking-nesting

Your Baby at Nine Months is changing; so is her relationship with you. As she becomes more mobile and independent, she begins to develop a will of her own. She responds to more people and her world grows larger. Becoming a social being is a process that will continue throughout her life. The surer she is of her relationship with you, the easier time she will have in all relationships in her life.



FIRST TEACHER DEVELOPMENTAL CARDS

These guidelines are meant to help you anticipate your baby's development. Your baby at this stage has begun to crawl; he has a much larger world to explore. But with the larger world comes more danger. This is a time for caution about what is within his reach. Watch him develop new skills. If you have any concerns about your child's development, call your doctor.

PARENTING HINTS

- ♥ Your baby is into exploring. He may explore too far and be unable to get out of places, so be close by. Check your home from baby's view to find objects that need to be moved or placed higher.
- ♥ Limits need to become a part of her life. She needs to know you love her but some things are not allowed. Either remove her or distract her.
- ♥ Encourage him to do things himself. Be there as a backup but not as a constant play companion.
- ♥ You are beginning to recognize that one month your baby can be delightful and the next month totally different. The ups and downs are normal so don't be alarmed. Calm periods follow the tough times to give you a chance to breathe.
- ♥ Don't be surprised to see him more hesitant about meeting strangers. For a while he needs to be especially close to you, but that will lessen with time.
- ♥ You are very important to her right now. She judges the world by you. She watches you to see what she should or should not do. You are her model for what the world is like.
- ♥ Take new or interesting toys with you when you visit a home that may not be baby-proofed.
- ♥ Language development in the child's early months is critical. Hold him and talk to him about anything. Be careful about any ear or upper respiratory infections because he has to hear well so he can learn to speak.



Parenting takes patience, time, love, and commitment. It has its ups and its downs. You are important because you are your child's first and most important teacher.

