

## Social Development

Age	Typically Can A child typically can . . .	Emerging Skills A child with emerging skills typically . . .
<b>0–6 months</b>  <p>© Boris Ryaposov/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to her or his own mirror image</li> <li>• offer a toy to another child</li> <li>• smile at another person</li> <li>• try to imitate facial expressions and gestures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is disturbed by strangers</li> <li>• recognizes the word <i>no</i></li> <li>• is able to get a parent's attention for help</li> <li>• enjoys interactive games, like Peek-a-Boo</li> </ul>
<b>6–18 months</b>  <p>© Christy Thompson/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feed himself or herself, but is still messy</li> <li>• imitate others</li> <li>• drink from a cup</li> <li>• not share</li> <li>• fight limit setting</li> <li>• remain “egocentric” and think that the world exists for herself or himself</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pulls on pants</li> <li>• plays alongside other children</li> </ul>
<b>1.5–2.5 years</b>  <p>© Aliaksei Lasevich/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• play alongside another child with enjoyment</li> <li>• at times, get frustrated and bite, hit, or pull hair</li> <li>• recognize self and family in photograph</li> <li>• be aware of gender differences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shares pieces of food</li> <li>• takes her or his turn in a song or game</li> <li>• begins to show interest in toilet training</li> </ul>

<p><b>2.5–3.5 years</b></p>  <p>© AGphotographer/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• join in play with a group of friends</li> <li>• show empathy if not overwhelmed</li> <li>• complete toilet training</li> <li>• co-operate with dressing and undressing</li> <li>• enjoy being in a play group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shares toys</li> <li>• co-operates in putting toys away</li> <li>• takes turns</li> <li>• plays games with simple rules</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.5–4.5 years</b></p>  <p>© Monkey Business Images/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• begin to grasp the concept of sharing</li> <li>• show attachment to one playmate</li> <li>• enjoy games with rules</li> <li>• show interest in differences between boys and girls and may undress with other children</li> <li>• enjoy dramatic play with others</li> <li>• take turns</li> <li>• stop napping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows concern for another young child or someone who is hurt</li> <li>• is a team leader</li> <li>• plays cooperatively in a group</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.5–5.5 years</b></p>  <p>© airn/shutterstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• play cooperatively with two to five children</li> <li>• enjoy visiting friends and relatives</li> <li>• be quite competitive</li> <li>• enjoy group play and circle time</li> <li>• become embarrassed to be seen nude</li> <li>• make friends easily</li> <li>• show social skills of giving, sharing, and receiving</li> <li>• show concern for children in distress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develops an interest in team sports</li> <li>• has sleepovers with friends</li> <li>• begins to plan social times with friends</li> </ul>