

Babbling Babies

Learning and understanding new words - Tap, tap box

0-6 months

- Put 3 or 4 objects inside a box with a lid
- Tap your hands on the lid; facial expressions make it more exciting.
- Open the box and find an object- tell baby what it is
- Repeat the game
- As they get older, let baby hold and touch the object- talk

6-12 months

- Put 3 or 4 objects in a box with a lid
- Tap your hands on the lid; facial expressions make it more exciting
- Open the box and find an object- tell baby what it is
- As they get older, show baby what the object does e.g. show how to brush your teeth with a toothbrush.
- Help baby tap the box. They can open the lid and get something out themselves.

12-18 months

- Put 3 or 4 objects inside a box with a lid. Choose a theme for your box like clothes, food, animals, toys and transport.
- Tap your hands on the lid; facial expressions make it more exciting.
- Open the box and find an object-tell baby what it is
- As the baby gets older, put more objects in the box
- The idea of this game is for baby to hear the words, don't be tempted to "test" them.

