

# Consider the Developmental Level

Developmental Progression	Example
Exploratory or sensory motor play (3-6 months)	Push block off the table
Combinatorial play (8-12 months)	Combine actions on a toy (throwing, rolling)
Presymbolic play (13-17 months)	Dumps objects from containers
Functional play (18-24 months)	Builds tower with blocks, rolls Playdoh
Animated play (18-24 months)	Airplane flies ( <i>with sounds</i> )
Autosymbolic play (17-24 months)	Pretend to fall asleep
Symbolic play (after 24 months) <i>Multiple levels, some emerging after 60 months</i>	Pretend to cook (engage in multiple actions associated with cooking)
Constructive play (after 24 months)	Building the Disney Castle with blocks
Game play (after 36 months)	Play Hide-and-Seek
Game play with rules (after 60 months)	Play soccer

(Belsky & Most, 1981; Casby, 2003; Westby, 2000)