# The 6 Stages of Play

Grow
Early Education

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## Unoccupied Play

0-3 months

When baby is making movements with their arms, legs, hands, feet, etc. They are learning about and discovering how their body moves.

## Solitary Play

0-2 years

When a child plays alone and are not interested in playing with others quite yet.

## Spectator / Onlooker Behaviour

2 years

When a child watches and observes other children playing but will not play with them.

## Parallel Play

2+ years

When a child plays alongside or near to others but does not play with them.

## Associate Play

3-4 years

When a child starts to interact with others during play, but there is not much cooperation required.

*For example, kids playing on the playground but doing different things.*

## Cooperative Play

4+ years

When a child plays with others and has interest in both the activity and other children involved in playing.