

Baby sit up and look

2 - 8 months

TIME: 10 - 15 minutes

SKILL: Eyes tracking objects, arm

movements, core strength

REQUIREMENTS: Comfortable place to sit indoors or outdoors where there is

lots of activity to watch.

Directions

- 1. Sit with your baby on your lap, sitting upright and facing forward like you.
- 2. Point at different things that are happening (children playing, cars driving, birds singing, rain falling, etc.) and talk to your baby about what you are seeing.
- 3. Notice how your baby pushes and strains to sit upright, and perhaps reaches and points at the activity. This is good for building core strength to sit upright unassisted.

Variation

• As your baby's strength and balance improves, try sitting her upright on the floor with pillows behind and beside her for some support and safety.

Benefits

• This activity helps your baby to develop basic upper body movements, visual acuity, and core strength with balance.