

The People Toys described below may interest your child. Let him spend some time figuring out how to use each toy and wait for him to get frustrated or ask for your help. Then, step in and make the toy work. Sometimes your child will discover how to use the toy on his own. When he does, celebrate his success with a hug or a hooray, and then find a different People Toy that he'll need you to help him with.



Balloons

Blow up a balloon, and then let the air out. (Your child may like it if you let the balloon fly in the air.) Then put the balloon to your mouth and wait for your child to ask you, in some way, to blow it up again. Or, blow up a balloon partially. Then, with the balloon at your mouth, wait for your child to ask you in some way to blow it up more.

Wind-up and squeeze toys

A jumping mouse or a moving train may appeal to your child. Squeeze toys are also fun. These are toys that are activated when you squeeze a small hand-held air pump. Make the toy go. When it stops, hand it to your child and wait for him to request that you make it go again.

Bubbles

Open a jar of bubbles and blow a few. As soon as your child starts to watch or pop the bubbles, close the jar. Wait for him to ask you in some way to open it again. Or, blow bubbles to get your child's attention. Blow another bubble and then pause, holding the bubble wand at your mouth. Wait for him to ask you in some way for more bubbles.



This little boy asks his mother to make the balloon bigger by showing her how to blow it up.



Music boxes

Wind up the music box and let the music play. Wait for your child to ask you to do it again.



Jack-in-the-box

Wind up the jack-in-the-box and let the character pop out. Wait for your child to ask for another surprise.



Spinning tops

Start spinning the top, and then wait for your child to ask for “more” when the top stops.