

## Easy Early Learning Games at Home

1. Use your child's favorite stuffed animal and an empty shoebox (the bathtub) to practice positional words. Put the animal in the tub, behind the tub, beside the tub, etc.
2. Play "I Spy!" Choose an object in the room and give your child clues, one at a time, until she guesses what it is. (For example, for your couch say I spy something blue. It is on the floor. It has pillows on it.) Keep giving clues until your child guesses. Older children will want to give clues to you.
3. Play "Simon Says!" (tread water, swim, splash, etc.)
4. Have your child pretend she is a fish or a sea turtle and must follow your instructions. ("Fishy, swim around the sofa," "Fishy, swim under the table," or "Turtle, climb on a log," "Turtle, swim through the seaweed.")
5. Play "Make a Face!" (Sad face, scary face, or sea creature faces like a shark face, clownfish face, porpoise face, etc.)
6. Play "Time to Wash!" Instruct your child to pretend to wash different body parts. You can play this using a paper towel for a washcloth. Or have your child pretend to wash a baby doll. This is good early literacy practice on the names of body parts.
7. Play "Find the Shape." Ask your child to find something in the room that is round or has a round shape in it. Look for different shapes in the room.

