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# Daily Activities

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8 - 14 Months

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By eight months your baby may be having only two daytime sleeps. If your baby becomes tired late in the afternoon, you may need to add a third short sleep. As your baby gets older often around 14 months he/she will move to only one sleep per day. Be guided by their cues to let you know when.

Your baby may still be night waking or even start to wake at night – this may be due to separation anxiety which is a normal developmental behaviour for this age. If this happens, reassure your baby and try to re-settle with minimal fuss.

At this age your baby will like exploring and enjoying a variety of finger foods. They are now more mobile and inquisitive about their environment. It is very important that your home environment is safe.

Some ideas for interacting during play time include:

- Playing music, singing, dancing, nursery rhymes, reading stories, pointing to pictures and things
- Visiting friends, local parks and play groups
- Playing stacking games
- Playing with toys – that move, make sound, are colourful and vary in texture
- Using pulling and pushing toys
- Talking about what you are doing together.

Be guided by your baby's progression with solids and cues when deciding to offer milk feed or solids first. If your baby is taking 3 small meals a day you may like to offer solids first. Some babies have made this change during the 6 - 8 month period, other babies change to solids before a milk feed at a later age.

## TO BE USED AS A GUIDE ONLY

Daily Activities 8 - 14 months More than 1 Day Sleep	Baby's in
<b>Breakfast</b> Solids Milk feed Play <b>Snack</b> if appropriate e.g. fruit Drink of water	
Responding to your baby's tired cues > SLEEP	
<b>Lunchtime</b> Solids Milk feed Play	
Responding to your baby's tired cues > SLEEP	
<b>Snack</b> if appropriate e.g. fruit Drink of water from a cup Play	
Responding to your baby's tired cues > SLEEP	
Some babies may require a short third sleep at the end of	
<b>Dinner</b> Solids Milk feed Bath Quiet time Cuddle (Activities chosen will depend on your family's routine.)	
<b>Settle for night &gt; SLEEP</b> May still wake for feeds overnight	



Individual activity Plan

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## REMEMBER

All babies are different and it takes time to develop routine activities. It is always OK to make changes to feeding times, play and sleep to fit in with your baby's **cues**. If your baby is happy and interactive during awake times, your baby has probably had enough sleep.

## What my baby likes doing



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and your child



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