

Social / Cognitive

Separation Anxiety

[Separation Anxiety-bag](#)

A 9-month-old infant begins to show signs of separation anxiety. They become more shy, clingy, or fearful around strangers and react by reaching for their parent and crying when the parent leaves.

Shows Facial Expressions

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Babies can display varied facial expressions, such as happiness, sadness, and surprise, reflecting their emotional awareness.

Looks When Calling Name

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At this age, babies typically respond by looking when their name is called, indicating growing social awareness.

Smiles or Laughs at Peek-a-boo

[Happy-face Peek-a-boo](#)

Babies enjoy games like peek-a-boo, often smiling or laughing, which demonstrates social interaction and cognitive development.

Looks for Dropped Objects Out of Sight

[Looks for Dropped Object](#)

Around nine months, babies begin looking for objects that have fallen out of view, showing an understanding of object permanence.

Bangs Two Items Together

[Banging Items Together](#)

Babies at this age enjoy banging objects together, which supports their motor development and exploration of cause and effect.