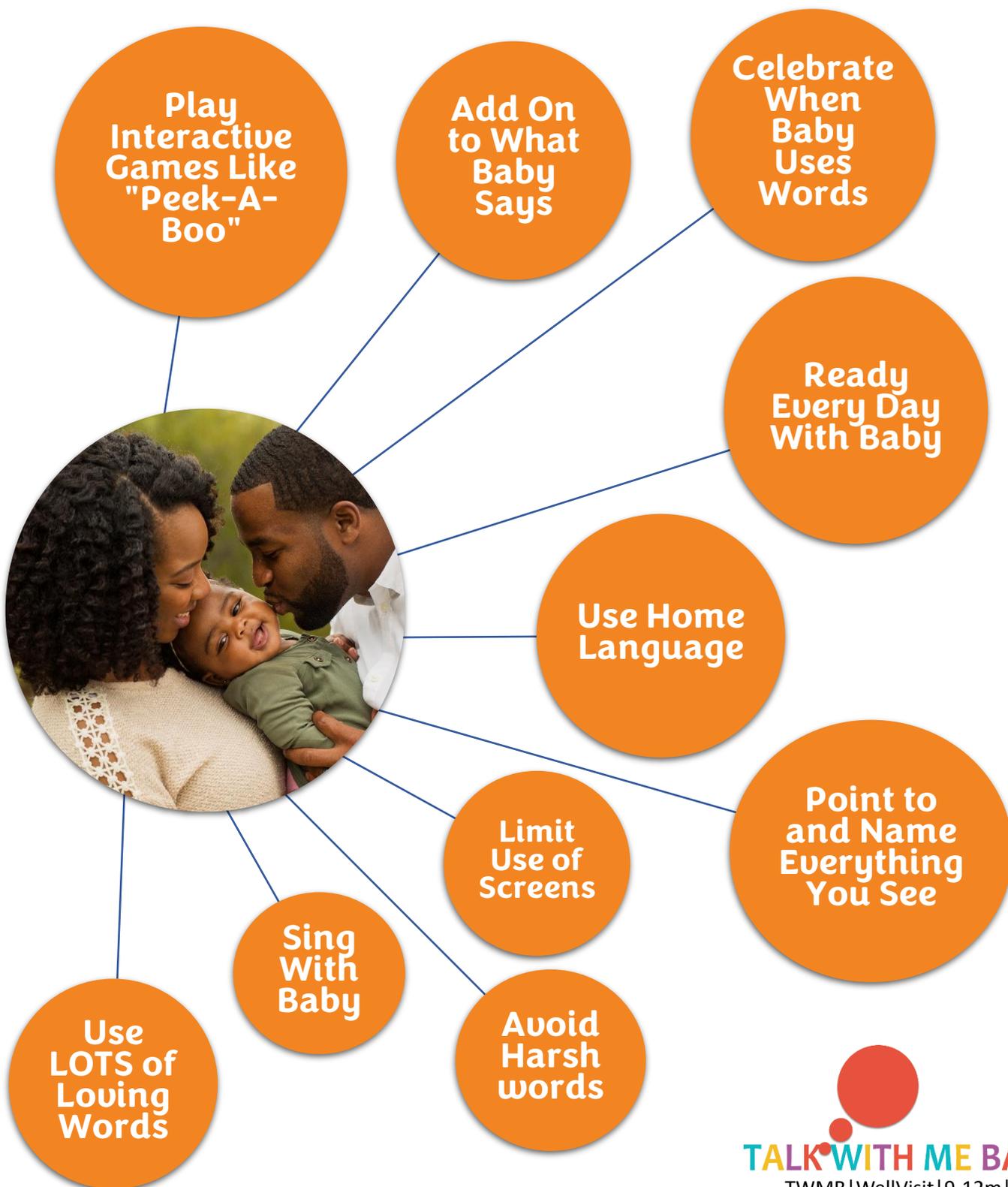


9 MONTHS TO 12 MONTHS

BABIES THRIVE WHEN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS...



HOW I COMMUNICATE

My brain is like a sponge. I am soaking up our interactions and trying to imitate what I notice from you. I can communicate with intention and make sounds when you interact with me. Talk, Read, Sing and Play with me often! I am starting to pair gestures with sounds and am starting to direct attention to my needs. You can encourage my language development by saying aloud with a short sentence or phrase what you notice me do or say.

WHAT I NEED TO THRIVE

Continue to use the **TALK** strategy to have brain-building conversations with your baby.

T - Tune In. Follow their lead and engage in conversations around their interests.

A - Ask Questions. Use questions and pause to prompt them to respond.

L - Lift Language. Help them learn new words and how to say them by repeating the full word they are attempting. When they point to a dog and say 'Dah. Dah', lift their language by saying, 'Yes. That is a dog. What is the dog doing?'

K - Keep It Going. Learning to take turns is important in many parts of life, like conversations and playing. Slowly increase the number of back-and-forths in your conversations with your baby to help them learn this important skill. You can also encourage turn-taking with turn-taking play, such as taking turns sorting blocks or making animal sounds. These back-and-forth conversations between you and baby, also called "Serve and Return," will feel and sound different as your baby begins to use sounds and words to communicate.

9 - 12 MONTHS RESOURCES



These Sesame Workshop resources will help your child learn language.



SHARED READING - For tips for using reading time to bond with your child and build their language and literacy skills, scan this QR code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/tips-for-shared-reading-with-children-birth-to-three/>

SHARING BOOKS TOGETHER - This instructional video and follow up activities for parents & caregivers gives insightful tips on how to best share books with young children. To view the video, scan this QR code or visit <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/sharing-books-together/>



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