

Brain Building Zone

Help Your Child's Brain Grow Strong!



The brain develops the most rapidly in the first 5 years of life. Your child loves to learn from you. Each time you interact with your child, their brain grows stronger. Try these brain-building tips while you wait.

Shhh, What's That?

Do you hear a sound? Pause. Ask your child, "What's that sound?" Take turns guessing. Are you hearing a slamming door or papers rustling? The squeak of a sliding chair or someone clearing their throat? Name them all together!

18-24
MONTHS



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2-5
YEARS



Appointment Predictions

Waiting for an appointment with the doctor or dentist? Ask your child what might happen. Will the doctor listen to their heart? Will the dentist look at their teeth? Encourage them to share these predictions, then compare them later with what actually happened—especially focusing on what they did to manage successfully.

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Your child is using their working memory to think about what might happen. Talking about what might be stressful and then comparing these predictions with the actual experience help them take on challenges, especially when you share what they did to manage successfully.

For free brain-building tips, visit [Vroom.org](https://www.vroom.org), download the **Vroom app** or text VROOM to 48258 to sign up for **Vroom by Text™**. Visit [WeAreBrainBuilders.org](https://www.WeAreBrainBuilders.org) for more brain-building resources to make the most of everyday moments with your child.



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