

Read and translate the text

Play is the core of a child's development in the world. A recently born child is new to the world and the world is new to him. As play begins, the child learns: about himself or herself, about other people about other people the world and how it works.

Play can take up all of the child's attention for there is so much to explore in the world, such as: shape (round or square), texture (rough, smooth, slippery), consistency (hard, soft), taste.

Until the age of about two your baby learns mainly through seeing, hearing and touching. Playing is another important way babies can practice new skills and learn about world around them. Only a very unhappy or ill child will not want to play.