

TYPE	PLAY	DESCRIPTION
Social-Interactive Stages	Non-Social (Solitary) Play	The child is focused entirely on their own activity and ignores others. No interaction.
	Parallel Play	Children play with similar toys next to each other, but they are like "ships passing in the night". Low interaction.
	Associative Play	This is the "Socializing" stage. They swap toys and talk, but they are still doing their own thing. Medium interaction.
	Cooperative Play	This is "Teamwork." They must work together to achieve a goal (e.g., building one big sandcastle together). If one person stops, the play usually changes or ends. Full interaction.
Cognitive-Constructive Stages	Functional Play	Focuses on the physical sensation or movement (shaking a rattle, jumping, or repetitive sliding).
	Constructive Play	Focuses on the "product." The child has a plan to create something (building a LEGO tower or finishing a puzzle).
	Make-Believe Play	The most complex. It requires "theory of mind" to imagine they are someone else or that a stick is a magic wand.