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# Dodo discovers FACES



4+ months



Speech, visual and emotional development

Includes instructions from experts



## FACES, EMOTIONS, COLORS, AND SOUNDS

### ♥ Why is this picture book good for your baby?

At four months, babies can see almost all colors as well as adults and show a strong interest in faces and emotions.

It turns out that children show a “face preference” immediately after birth, looking longer at images that have facial features (e.g., three dots arranged as two eyes and a mouth rather than three dots arranged randomly).

This picture book combines a fascination with faces with learning about people from Croatian culture, helping to build cultural identity and emotional intelligence.

### ♥ How to use this picture book?

- Name the person and the emotion: “Janica is smiling! She is happy!”
- Name objects: e.g., “Skis!”, “Snowflake!”
- Make sounds: e.g., SWISH-SWISH.
- Put together a story: “Janica is skiing! SWISH-SWISH!”
- Spend 1-2 minutes on each double-page spread.

### Beneficial effects on baby development:

- Develops recognition of faces and emotions.
- Builds passive naming vocabulary.
- Encourages complex visual analysis.
- Develops recognition of cause-and-effect relationships.
- Stimulates all types of color receptors.

## Scientific background

Although babies can see all colors, their perception of color intensity is not yet as developed as in adults, so it is desirable for colors to be bright and presented in contrasting pairs (e.g., black-white, red-green, yellow-purple).

Babies are born with the ability to distinguish all phonemes of all languages, but between 6 and 12 months, they begin to “lose” them if they do not hear them.

Early exposure to a variety of sounds expands the phonological repertoire.

Picture books with faces and voices develop socioemotional skills and attention, stimulating neural pathways for communication and socialization.

### ♥ FUN FACTS:

- Babies learn to recognize emotions by looking at faces. They can tell a smile from a serious expression very early on, and over time they associate facial expressions with feelings such as happiness, sadness, or surprise. When a parent responds to a baby's signals with facial expressions, the baby learns: “My feelings are important, and someone understands them.” This builds the foundation for emotional security and empathy.
- Looking at faces helps develop speech because babies watch how the mouth moves while we speak. When a parent repeats the sound a baby makes, the baby gets the message: “I hear you.” This is the so-called serve and return principle, and this is how babies learn to communicate.

*We wish you many magical moments with your baby!*

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