



## BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF TODDLERS

The work of toddlers (18-36 months)  
is developing **AUTONOMY**

### Toddlers:

- Are “into everything”
- Discover two-legged locomotion
- Are giddy with their movement ability and the independence it brings
- Are learning to do things for themselves
- Play not just to see how things feel, but to figure out what can be done with them
- Work at becoming independent
- Are stubborn about ME, MINE, and MY
- Are in love with the word NO (because that is the way they practice making decision all by themselves)
- Become easily frustrated
- Love to build up, knock down, put in, and take out
- Begin pretend play
- Imitate what they see
- Get easily excited
- Are learning to use language to express feelings and ideas
- Have short attention span
- Are very active

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