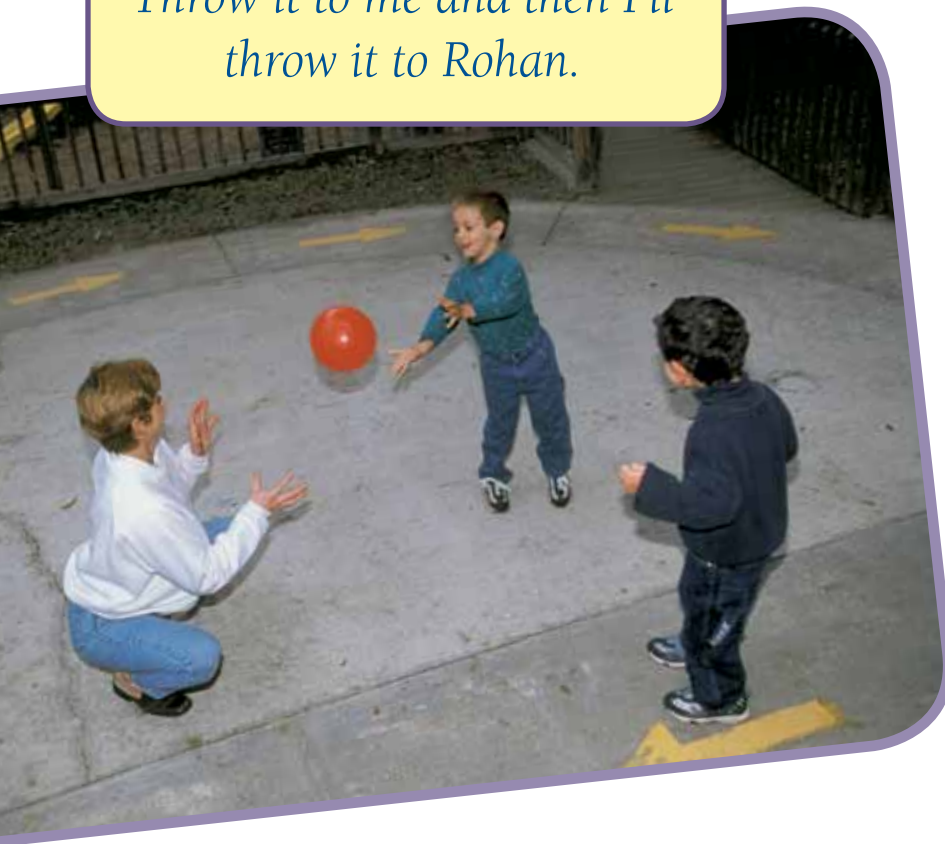


Three-Corner Catch

*Throw it to me and then I'll
throw it to Rohan.*



Play an easy game of toss and catch with your child and a playmate.

The children will improve their throwing skills and find that it's fun to take turns and cooperate.



Why this is important

Tossing and catching is a universal children's game in all cultures. Although your child may miss the ball repeatedly at first, he will learn cooperation and turn taking as he practices tossing and catching the ball.

What you do

- Invite your child to join you in a game of catch.
- Toss a large, lightweight ball back and forth with him a few times.
- Suggest an expanded game. *Brett, let's ask Anita if she wants to toss and catch with us.*
- Introduce the new three-person game. *There are three of us. We can play three-corner catch. Each of us will be a corner.*
- Explain the rules: *Brett will throw to Anita, Anita will throw to me, and I will throw to Brett.* You can walk through the motions to help your child understand and remember the order.
- Encourage success during the game by offering encouragement. *Brett, you threw the ball so carefully to Anita. That helped her catch it.*
- Talk about your own actions as well. *I'll step a little closer to you, Brett. It will be easier for you to catch.*

Another idea

Change the game by adding more players, using a different size ball, or increasing the space between children.

Let's read together!

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