Early turn-taking activities:

Putting pieces in a simple puzzle Putting pieces on a potato head Putting pieces in an interactive book Stacking blocks to build a tower

Pulling items out of a bag and sorting them (e.g. colored blocks)

Early play imitation actions:

Putting piece in a puzzle/potato head/book Car down a ramp Animal/people actions Sand/water table actions

Active Games:

Races

Red Light. Green Light
Mother May I?
Duck, Duck, Goose
Jump the River
Follow the Leader
Hide and Seek (with buddies)
Catch (call out a person's name before throwing)
Take turns shooting baskets
Take turns kicking a ball into a goal
Bouncing/rolling/throwing a ball
Beanbag toss

GAMES TO PLAY!

Board Games:

Connect Four
Candyland
Trouble
Bingo
Guess Where
Sorry!
Guess Who
Zingo

Cooperative Activities:

Making and sharing a snack
Making a craft
Coloring a picture
Building a block tower

Early turn-taking games:

Simon Says (imitation games)

Pirate Pop-up
Fishing games
Lucky Ducks
Mr. Mouth
Don't Break the Ice
Don't Spill the Beans
Don't Wake Daddy
Silly Faces Game
Hi Ho Cherry-Oh
Barnyard Bingo

Games for which you can develop cards:

Charades (verbs)
Pictionary (sample drawings)
Hangman (suggested words)

Card Games:

Uno Go Fish! War Old Maid Memory

Pretend Play schemes:

Baby and doctor kit
Little People school/house/airport/bus
Pretend cooking
School
Store (grocery, shoe, etc.)
Fireman, policeman, builder

Reciprocal Games:

What's in the Bag? (describe an object by color, function, category or use) I Spy

I'm Thinking of Something That is... (describe function, category or use)

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