

# Play and Learn

When babies play, they learn. They learn what their bodies can do. They learn how to solve problems.

The same is true for animal babies. Puppies, kittens, and other pups learn as they play.






A kitten plays with a toy.

# Teachers

Parents teach their children. They help them learn what they need.

Animal parents are the best teachers for their young. But life in the wild can be hard. Some parents die. How do babies learn then?



Parents teach their child to walk.



Giraffe parents care for their young.

# Human Help

**Keepers** help young animals learn. First, they put the babies in safe homes. They fill those places with sights and sounds that the babies would find in the wild.



A keeper works with a cheetah cub.



## Science

### Modeling

Parents show babies what to do and how to act. This is called *modeling*. Babies see what the parents do. In time, they copy their parents and do it too.