

28 THE BABY'S SOCIAL WORLD

Picture story

ETHAN GETS TO KNOW HIS FATHER

While the midwife is busy with Ethan's mother, Ethan has the opportunity to spend time with his father, John. Ethan explores John's face intently for a few minutes, scanning the length and breadth of his features. John then sets up a demonstration of Ethan's ability to imitate facial movements, clearly and slowly either protruding his tongue, or opening his mouth wide. On each occasion Ethan concentrates hard, and then imitates the appropriate action.



1 Ethan gazes intently at his father...



4 His eyes scan John's features...



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8 John slowly and clearly protrudes his tongue, and Ethan attends closely.



9 Ethan continues to look seriously at his father, and then he begins to move his mouth.

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2 ...he is concentrated and serious...



3 ...and thoroughly explores John's face.



6 ...and he remains totally absorbed for some minutes.



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10 Ethan appears to be concentrating completely on his mouth as he frowns and shuts his eyes...



11 ...then he looks back at his father as he protrudes his own tongue.