

**SPEAKER 1:** Now, this is a test of what Piaget has called object permanence. We're with Nico, and he's only seven months old. So Piaget's theory would say that Nico may not yet have object permanence. So let's see what happens.

First, we have to see if he's interested in this toy. Oh, that horsie. Such a good horsie. I'm going to hide him. Let's see what happens now.

Where'd he go? Where's the horsie? Oh, you want to look at me, huh? Can you find the horsie?

Now, that's a pretty typical reaction for a baby as young as Nico. Let's try it again. Can have the cloth? Thank you. Thank you. It's OK. Nico. Horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie. Oh! Where's the horsie? Where'd it go?

OK. A very typical reaction for a baby this young to not be able to find the toy unless they can see it. Piaget says this is because babies this young do not yet have a sense that objects exist when they can't see the objects.

One more time. Nico. That's OK. We're going to let him have that one. OK. We can share. Nico. Horsie horsie horsie horsie. Where's the horsie? I think he's getting the idea. But I still think the napkin is more fun when he can't see the horse. Again, exactly what we would expect to see in a baby quite this young. Good job.

Oh, Damian. I'm here with Damian, and he's 10 months old. And we're going to do a test of object permanence. Damian. Horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie. Oh! Where's the horsie? You knew where it was. Nice job. Did you find that horsie? Oh, you did. Good job. Good job. You have a beautiful smile.

OK. I know he's not going to want to give it back to me. I understand that. Let's do that game again. Oh, horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie. Where's the horsie? Oh! There he is. Uh-oh. Gotta go get that. That's OK. Gotta go get the horsie.

Now, I'm going to try moving it over to the second cloth. And we'll see if he follows me. Horsie horsie horsie horsie. That didn't even slow him down. There's the horsie. Good job.

**SPEAKER 2:** Good job. Yay.

**SPEAKER 1:** And it tastes delicious. I know. Oh! Horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie horsie. Can't fool Damian. Nicely done.

**SPEAKER 2:** Yay.