

Primitive

Moro

Sudden extension of the head causes symmetrical extension, followed by flexion of the arms

Grasp

Flexion of fingers when an object is placed in the palm

Rooting

Head turns to the stimulus when touched near the mouth

Stepping response

Stepping movements when held vertically and dorsum of feet touch a surface

Assym. tonic neck reflex

Lying supine, the infant adopts an outstretched arm to the side to which the head is turned

Postural

Labyrinthine rigthing

Head moves in opposite direction to which the body is tilted

Postural support

When held upright, legs take weight and may push up (bounce)

Lateral propping

In sitting, the arm extends on the side to which the child falls as a saving mechanism

Parachute

When suspended face down, the arms extend as though to save themself

The primitive reflexes present at birth gradually disappears as postural reflexes develop, which are essential for independent sitting and walking