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| **Primitive** | **Postural** |
| **Moro**  Sudden extension of the head causes symmetrical extension, followed by flexion of the arms  **Grasp**  Flexion of fingers when an object in 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 | **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 theme self |

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