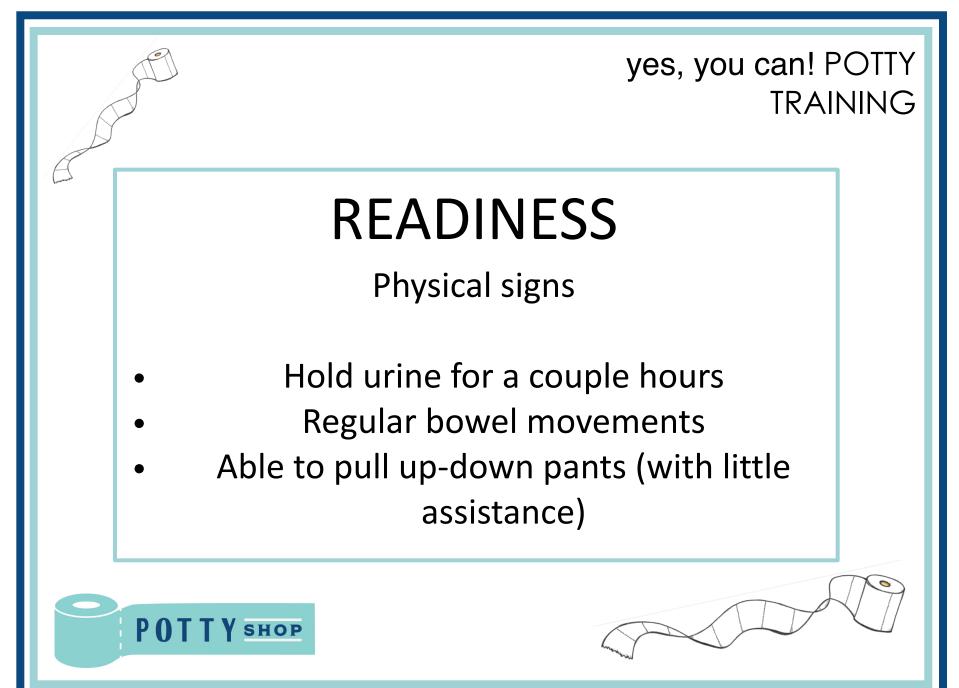


yes, you can! POTTY TRAINING Start potty training during a high tide Wait until at least 22 months to officially start potty training Start positive potty associations around 15-18 months







READINESS

Emotional signs

 You and your child are in a good place
Life is calm (no new baby, new school, moves) Shows interest in potty
Able to play independently
Demonstrates a want/need for independence
Dislikes feeling of being wet/soiled





READINESS

Cognitive signs

Able to follow simple one-step commands Has words for pee/poo (can be a sign) Starting to tell you the need to go potty Has an interest in their body





Preparation

Several pairs of loose-fitting underwear
Small potty
Sanitizing wipes
Child sized step stool
Rewards (maker them simple)
Plenty of drinks



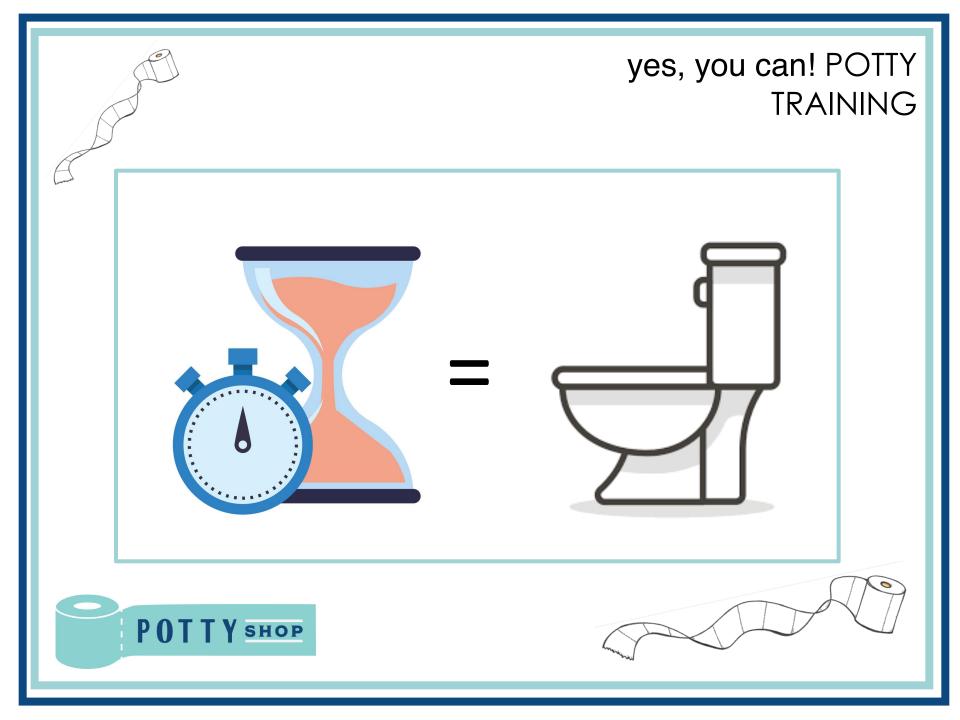


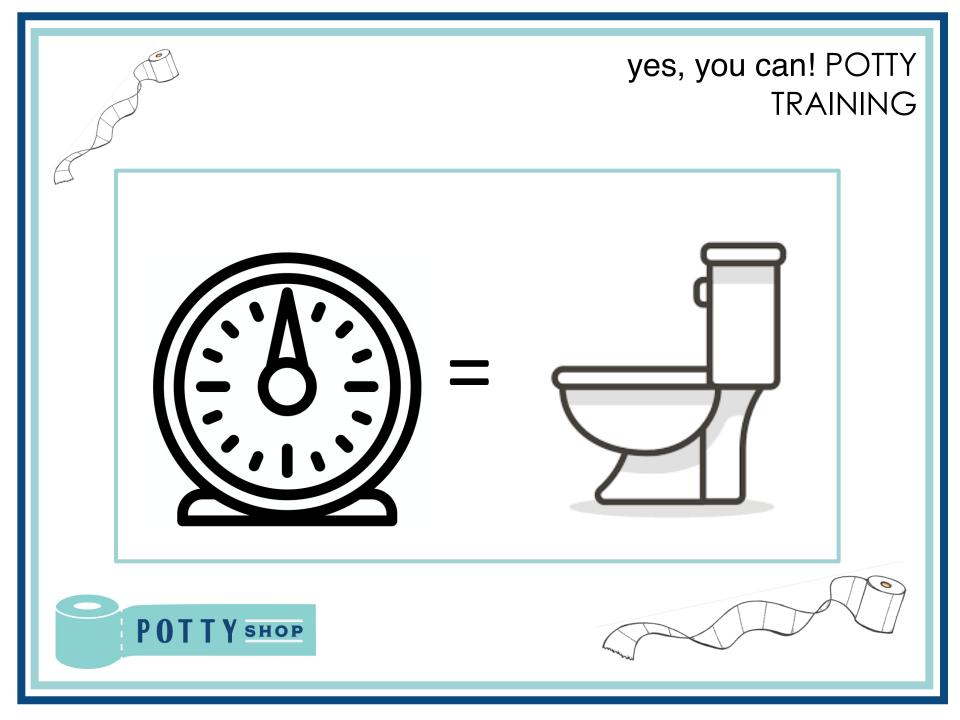
Preparation

Several activities for your child to do
Simple charts if child is non-verbal
Time to spend with your child









DAYS 1-3

- Upon waking, take off diaper
- Write child a note
- Have child sit on potty (praise them)
- Give your child choice of underwear (practice this)
- Have breakfast with lots of fluids
- Continue with fluids often





DAYS 1-3

- You will not ask your child, "Do you have to go potty?"
- Always use statements: "Tell Mommy when you need to go potty?"
- If needed, set a timer for 30 min. Allow child to help
- Stay very close to child
- Do frequent "underwear checks"







DAYS 1-3 Accidents will happen

- Try to "catch" child in accident and put on potty
- Even one drop of pee in potty is a success
- Don't get discouraged
- Don't get angry at child for having an accident
- "Bummer, your underwear isn't dry anymore"
- Remind them that pee goes in the potty



DAYS 1-3

- Only focus on waking hours. Put your child in a pull-up or diaper for nap/bedtime
- Remind your child how proud you are of them
- If you have older children/cousins, let them help
- Stay positive, stay consistent
- Some children may take longer to potty train... that is OK





Potty Training TIPS

- Give child something to hold while on potty
- Start with your son sitting on the potty
- Run the sink or bath for distraction
- Use blowing techniques (bubbles, harmonica, straw)
 - Give your child some privacy
- Use a step stool so knees are elevated above hips (for poop)





What IF

- Child continues to have accident in same location: move small potty there
- Shows signs of needing to go, but won't go: give privacy, using blowing tips
- My child is not verbal: use a sign such as tapping belly or use pictures (an exchange)
- Always having accidents while playing: use a potty pause after 3-5 min. of playing





