

Baby's Communication Checklist!

LOOK AND LISTEN AS YOUR BABY DEVELOPS

3 Months

- Is startled by a sudden, loud noise
- Is soothed or calmed by your voice
- Cries, gurgles, grunts

6 Months

- Stirs or awakens to voices when sleeping quietly
- Turns head or moves eyes to find a familiar voice
- Makes different cries for different needs

9 Months

- Responds to his/her name
- Understands common words like "no" and "bye-bye"
- Uses gestures, reaches for items
- Babbles, repeats babbling sounds

12 Months

- Follows simple, single-step instructions
- Combines sounds as if talking
- Consistently uses three to five words
- Uses gestures – waves "bye-bye", shakes head "no"

18 Months

- Minimum of four different consonant sounds – *p, b, m, n, d, g, w, h*
- Points to body parts and pictures in books when asked
- Consistently uses 20 or more words
- Responds with words to simple questions – "where's kitty?", "what's this?"

24 Months

- Follows two-step directions
- Uses 100-150 words
- Begins to speak in 2-word combinations like "mommy shoe!"
- Others can understand child's speech 50-60% percent of the time

30 Months

- Uses action words – laugh, run, drop
- Uses words with two or more syllables – "ba-na-na"
- Has a 350+ word vocabulary

These are guidelines only.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BABY IS ONE OF LIFE'S JOYS

As babies grow, their hearing, sight and voices develop into language skills that will affect every aspect of their lives – with friends at play, in school, and future success.

Babies are individuals who grow at different rates and communicate in unique ways.

If you have any concerns about your child's hearing or speech, ask your doctor or audiologist.



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HAVE YOUR BABY'S HEARING TESTED

Early detection of hearing loss is important. If newborn hearing screening isn't offered in your hospital, visit a paediatric audiologist for a hearing test for your baby.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S LANGUAGE

- I talk, sing and laugh with my baby.
- Music is part of our daily activities.
- We look at books, do many activities and go to new places.
- I name what my baby sees – ball, truck, picture of a flower.
- I tell her what I'm doing – "Mommy is washing your face." "Daddy's tying your shoes."
- I use a lot of different words, opposites (in/out) and descriptions (funny, happy, sad).
- I praise my child's efforts to communicate.

PROTECT YOUR BABY'S HEARING

TAKE NOTE! Excessive and continuous noise can affect your child's precious hearing. Avoid over-exposure to noisy toys and use child hearing protection in loud environments.

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Give your child the gift of good communication!