

Speech-Language Development and Hearing Milestones

It's a good idea to monitor your baby's hearing. This checklist marks the ages that a child will usually reach different milestones and helps you to see if your child is developing as expected.

*Age	✓ Milestones	✓ What to watch for
1-3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is startled or awakened by loud noises <input type="checkbox"/> Soothed, comforted by a familiar voice <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles at you <input type="checkbox"/> Makes pleasure sounds (coos and goos) 	Your baby: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't react to sound
3-6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Turns head towards sounds <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys music and noise-making toys <input type="checkbox"/> Makes lots of noises (babbling, coos, gurgles) <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to your voice with interest and sounds 	Your baby: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't respond to your smiles and interactions
6-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to own name <input type="checkbox"/> Turns head towards sounds <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles a lot; imitates sounds and actions <input type="checkbox"/> Starts to recognize words and simple phrases 	Your baby: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't babble or try to talk <input type="checkbox"/> has stopped babbling
12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follows simple instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Says more words every month <input type="checkbox"/> Favourite words become "no" and "mine" <input type="checkbox"/> Points to familiar objects or body parts when asked <input type="checkbox"/> Likes simple stories, picture books, songs and rhymes 	Your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't talk at all <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't interact with others
18-24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to use 2-word sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Repeatedly asks simple questions like "what's that?" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands more words than can say <input type="checkbox"/> Points to pictures when named 	Your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't talk or uses more gestures than words <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't seem to understand simple directions

*If your baby was premature, use your due date to estimate age for this list.

If you're ever concerned about your baby's hearing, speak with your baby's health care provider or call Health Link at 811.



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