



Your Baby's Hearing

TALK TO YOUR BABY'S DOCTOR

Let your baby's doctor or the clinic staff know if anything on the list below applies to your baby now or in the future:

- Either parent or other close family members had hearing loss as a child
- Your baby was in the NICU for more than 5 days
- Your baby had an exchange transfusion
- Your child has/had many ear infections
- Your child had/has a head injury
- You don't think your child is hearing well
- You don't think your child is talking well
- Your baby's behaviors differ from the chart below

Age	Typical Hearing/Speech Behaviors*
0-3 months	Startles or cries to loud sounds. Quiets to familiar voices. Moves or wakes up when someone talks.
3-6 months	Coos, gurgles, and makes a variety of voice sounds. Looks toward loud voices or sounds. Enjoys rattles or other toys that make sound.
6-12 months	Begins to imitate speech sounds ("baba", "mama"). Understands "no" or "bye-bye." Begins to turn head toward soft sounds. Looks at familiar objects when named.
12-18 months	Readily turns toward all sound. Recognizes name and understands about 50 words. Moves from saying 2 words to 10 words. Follows simple directions ("find your ball").
18-24 months	Enjoys being read to. Points to body parts when asked. Starts to combine words like "more milk." Says 20-50 words and understands many more.

* Adapted from AAP/AAA