



How Does Your Child Hear and Talk?

Here is a checklist that you can follow to check your child's hearing and understanding development. You should talk to your child's doctor about anything on the list that your child is not doing and you have checked "No".

Birth to 3 Months	Yes	No
Reacts to loud sounds	___	___
Quiets or smiles when spoken to	___	___
Seems to recognize your voice and quiets if crying	___	___
Increases or decreases sucking behavior in response to sound	___	___
Makes noise when talked to	___	___

4 – 6 Months	Yes	No
Moves eyes in direction of sounds	___	___
Responds to changes in tone of your voice	___	___
Notices toys that make sounds	___	___
Pays attention to music	___	___

7 Months to 1 Year	Yes	No
Enjoys games like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake	___	___
Turns and looks in direction of sounds	___	___
Listens when spoken to	___	___
Recognizes words for common items like “cup”, “shoe”, or “juice”	___	___
Begins to respond to requests (e.g. “come here” or “want more”?)	___	___

Parents: This is simply a guide to help you check your baby's development at different ages and stages. It should not be used to replace a hearing test. If you ever have concerns about your child's hearing, contact your baby's doctor immediately.