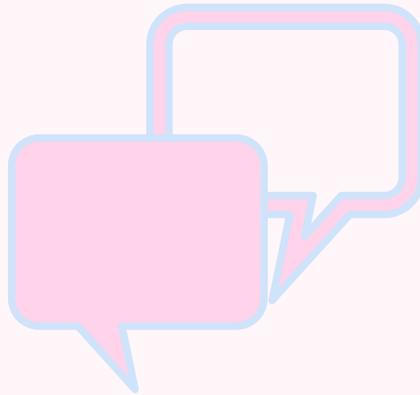


SPEECH MILESTONES



0-24 MONTHS



0-24 MONTHS BABY'S COMMUNICATION MILESTONES

As parents, we want to know what typical communication skills may look like as a child develops. This can help us understand our child and communicate with them better, and be able to support or challenge their current stage. If you are concerned about your baby's speech and language development, consult your pediatrician or a licensed speech pathologist.

0-3 MONTHS

Baby mainly communicates via crying, and some parents may begin to differentiate between the various cries to understand the need of their baby.

3-6 MONTHS

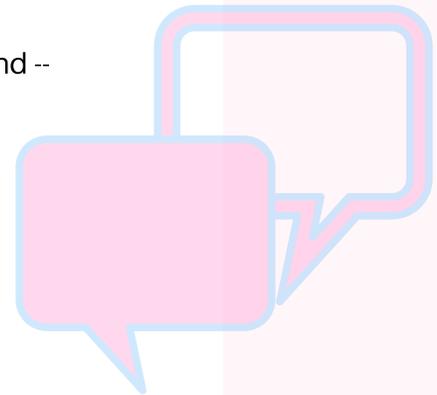
Your baby begins to look at the direction a sound comes from, watches you while you speak and is able to maintain eye contact, for short or long moments.

- Blows bubbles
- Smiles at you, some babies begin to (belly) laugh as early as 3 months
- When spoken to, baby responds with vocal sounds
- Coos or babbles often
- Whines when wants something
- Baby begins to imitate sounds and facial expressions around 4 months and --
-begins mastering it a bit more closer to 6 months.

6-9 MONTHS

Your baby begins to be more receptive. She/He reaches her arms out to be picked up, recognizes her own name and may look at you when calling her name. Some babies begin to understand "no". They express and show happiness and excitement through body movement and various sounds.

- Begins to repeat words you speak to him like ma-ma or da-da
- Begins to add more sounds to babbling (b,n,t,y)
- Experiments with vocal sounds and pitches
- Begins to sign back if signed to
- Most babies will wave Hi or Bye.
- Some babies may begin to say Hi and Bye when told



9-12 MONTHS

Your baby is just like a sponge and has soaked in (and still is) everything you have been saying to her. She can now understand a good amount of words you communicate to her and is now responding to simple directions such as "come to me" "sit down" or "clap your hands". She may also follow requests like "give me that" or "put this here". One of my favorite is participating in a game of Peekaboo.

- Uses body gestures like shaking head no or waves bye, consistently
- Says Mama or Dada to the right parent
- May say 1-5 words
- Starts to imitate or repeat sounds consistently

12-18 MONTHS

Your baby should understand 50+ words as well as prepositions like "in" or "on". Follows simple directions during every day life or play time. can point at some body parts. Your baby is starting early problem solving by handing you things to help "make it work."

- Can make some animal sounds
- Can name a handful of objects or more.
- Uses gestures purposefully like clapping or blowing kisses.
- Uses about 10-50 words. Note that a minimum of 10 words by 18 months is what you should look for.
- Nods "yes" and "no"

18-24 MONTHS

Your baby should understand over 300 words. Your baby can follow simple 2 step tasks like "come here and pick this up please". Understands and follows simple commands like eat, jump or drink. Plays with toys in a more complex way like putting things where they belong during pretend play.

- Uses minimum of 50 words by 24 months
- Adults can understand 30% of what your child communicates
- Uses sounds and vowels accurately
- Starts using two word phrases

*If you have any concerns about your child behavioral or speech development, please consult with your child's pediatrician or a license speech pathologist.

Sources: CDC & Meta speech pathologist

