



## Hearing Development

Your baby should be able to achieve the following milestones around the ages listed. If you have concerns, contact a pediatric audiologist for additional hearing testing.

### 0-3 months

- startled by loud sounds
- quiets to your voice
- makes cooing sounds

### 3-6 months

- turns eyes toward sounds
- responds to mom's voice
- enjoys rattles
- babbles "ba-ba" or "ga-ga"

### 6-10 months

- turns head toward sounds
- begins to imitate speech sounds
- babbles more frequently

### 9-12 months

- responds to own name
- understands "no-no" & "bye-bye"
- turns head toward soft sounds

### 12-15 months

- correctly uses "ma-ma" & "da-da"
- points to familiar objects when asked
- responds to singing/music



## Sound Bytes

- **One in 300** babies are born with permanent hearing loss.
- Up to **95** percent of babies with hearing loss are born to hearing parents.
- The **first two** years of life are critical for brain development.
- Babies can hear up to **one million** words a month — therefore every month counts!

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