



Birth to One Year

What should my child be able to do?

Hearing and Understanding	Talking
<p>Birth–3 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Startles at loud sounds. Quiets or smiles when you talk. Seems to recognize your voice. Quiets if crying. 	<p>Birth–3 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes cooing sounds. Cries change for different needs. Smiles at people.
<p>4–6 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moves her eyes in the direction of sounds. Responds to changes in your tone of voice. Notices toys that make sounds. Pays attention to music. 	<p>4–6 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coos and babbles when playing alone or with you. Makes speech-like babbling sounds, like <i>pa, ba, and mi</i>. Giggles and laughs. Makes sounds when happy or upset.
<p>7 Months–1 Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turns and looks in the direction of sounds. Looks when you point. Turns when you call her name. Understands words for common items and people—words like <i>cup, truck, juice, and daddy</i>. Starts to respond to simple words and phrases, like “No,” “Come here,” and “Want more?” Plays games with you, like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake. Listens to songs and stories for a short time. 	<p>7 Months–1 Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babbles long strings of sounds, like <i>mimi upup babababa</i>. Uses sounds and gestures to get and keep attention. Points to objects and shows them to others. Uses gestures like waving bye, reaching for “up,” and shaking his head no. Imitates different speech sounds. Says 1 or 2 words, like <i>hi, dog, dada, mama, or uh-oh</i>. This will happen around his first birthday, but sounds may not be clear.