

Birth to 6 Months

COMMUNICATION MILESTONES

These communication milestones cover hearing, speech, and language development in children.



Each child develops uniquely, even within the same family, and may meet certain milestones earlier or later than others. If your child does not meet many of the milestones within their age range, visit www.asha.org/profind to find an ASHA-certified audiologist or speech-language pathologist (SLP) for an assessment.

Birth to 3 Months

- ☐ Alerts to sound.
- ☐ Quiets or smiles when you talk.
- ☐ Makes sounds back and forth with you.
- ☐ Makes sounds that differ depending on whether they are happy or upset.
- ☐ Coos, makes sounds like **ooooo**, **aahh**, and **mmmmm**.
- ☐ Recognizes loved ones and some common objects.
- ☐ Turns or looks toward voices or people talking.

4 to 6 Months

- ☐ Giggles and laughs.
- ☐ Responds to facial expressions.
- ☐ Looks at objects of interest and follows objects with their eyes.
- ☐ Reacts to toys that make sounds, like those with bells or music.
- ☐ Vocalizes during play or with objects in mouth.
- ☐ Vocalizes different vowel sounds—sometimes combined with a consonant—like **uuuuuummm**, **aaaaaaagoo**, or **daaaaaa**.
- ☐ Blows “raspberries.”

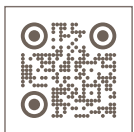
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What can I do to help?

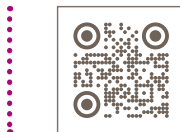
- **Pay attention to your child's hearing.** See if they turn to noise or look at you when you talk. Look for signs like crying while they are pulling on their ears, which could mean ear problems or infections. If you are concerned, see your doctor.
- **Make silly faces with them.** Laugh when they do.
- **Talk about where you go, what you do there, and who and what you see.** Say things like, "We are going to Grandma's house. Grandma has a dog. You can pet the dog."
- **Teach animal sounds, like "A cow says 'moo.'"**
- **Sing, tell stories, or read to your child every day.**
- **Talk to your child in the languages you are most comfortable using.** Early exposure helps your child learn language best.



**Respond to
your child.
Look at them
when they make
noises. Talk to
them. Imitate
the sounds
they make.**



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