



Birth to 3 months

- Startles to loud sounds
- Quiets to your voice
- Makes pleasure cooing sounds
- Cries differently for different needs

4 - 6 months

- Notices toys that make sounds or pays attention to music
- Moves eyes in direction of sound
- Chuckles or laughs
- Babbling sounds begin to sound more "speech-like"

7 months - 1 year

- Recognizes words for common items (juice, shoe) or responds to requests (More?)
- Turns to looks in direction of sounds and listens when spoken to
- Uses gestures (arms out to be picked up) and may imitate sounds
- Has one or two words around first birthday

1 - 2 years

- Points to body parts
- Follows simple commands
- Gains vocabulary monthly
- Puts two words together
- Begins using questions

2 - 3 years

- Understands differences in meaning (go/stop, up/down)
- Listens and enjoys hearing stories for longer periods of time
- Has words for almost everything
- Uses two and three words to talk about things

4 - 5 years

- Pays attention to stories and can answer questions about them
- Uses sentences with details
- Uses rhyming words

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