



Warning Signs of Hearing Loss

Most children with hearing loss can learn to listen and talk – but early intervention is key to take advantage of the critical time window for learning language. Follow-up testing and intervention should begin right away if parents, healthcare providers or educators notice that a baby fails to reach the following milestones:

Birth to 3 months:

- Do the baby's eyes move in the direction of loud sounds?
- Is the baby awakened by loud sounds?

3 months to 6 months:

- Does the baby react to a parent's voice?
- Has the baby begun to repeat sounds?

6 months to 10 months:

- Does the baby look toward the speaker when his/her name is called?
- Does the baby understand common phrases, such as "bye-bye"?

10 months to 15 months:

- Can the baby put sounds together that closely resemble speech?
- Does the baby experiment with his or her own voice?

15 months to 18 months:

- Is the baby beginning to communicate using single words or two- to three-word sentences?
- Is the baby able to follow simple directions?

18 months to 24 months:

- Does the baby enjoy being read to?
- Does the baby understand yes or no questions such as "are you tired?"



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