


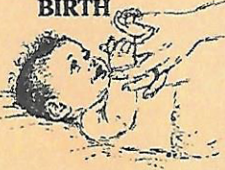


YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH AND HEARING

Hearing and Understanding	Child's Age	Talking
<p>Does your child recognize words for common items like "cup," "shoe," "juice"?</p> <p>Has your child begun to respond to requests ("Come here," "Want more?")?</p>	<p>7 MONTHS-1 YEAR</p> 	<p>Does your child have 1 or 2 words (bye-bye, dada, mama, no) although they may not be clear?</p>
<p>Does your child enjoy games like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake?</p> <p>Does your child turn or look up when you call his or her name?</p> <p>Does your child listen when spoken to?</p>		<p>Does your child's babbling have both long and short groups of sounds such as "tata upup bibibibi"?</p> <p>Does your child imitate different speech sounds?</p> <p>Does your child use speech or non-crying sounds to get and keep your attention?</p>
<p>Does your child respond to "no"? Changes in your tone of voice?</p> <p>Does your child look around for the source of new sounds, e.g., the doorbell, vacuum, dog barking?</p> <p>Does your child notice toys that make sound?</p>	<p>4-6 MONTHS</p> 	<p>Does your child's babbling sound more speech-like with lots of different sounds, including <i>p</i>, <i>b</i>, and <i>m</i>?</p> <p>Does your child tell you (by sound or gesture) when he/she wants you to do something again?</p> <p>Does your child make gurgling sounds when left alone? When playing with you?</p>
<p>Does your child turn to you when you speak?</p> <p>Does your child smile when spoken to?</p> <p>Does your child seem to recognize your voice and quiet down if crying?</p>	<p>0-3 MONTHS</p> 	<p>Does your child repeat the same sounds a lot (cooing, gooing)?</p> <p>Does your child cry differently for different needs?</p> <p>Does your child smile when he/she sees you?</p>
<p>Does your child listen to speech?</p> <p>Does your child startle or cry at noises?</p> <p>Does your child awaken at loud sounds?</p>	<p>BIRTH</p> 	<p>Does your child make pleasure sounds?</p> <p>When you play with your child, does he/she look at you, look away, & then look again?</p>
Total		Total

Reminders

For good speech, language and hearing . . .

- Talk naturally to your child. Talk about what you are doing, what you see, what your child is doing, and what your child sees.
- Take time to *listen* to your child. Respond to what is said so your child knows you have been listening.
- Don't push your child to learn to talk. Accept some speech mistakes as your child develops. Don't ask your child to slow down and repeat.
- Have your child's hearing tested if you find you have to repeat a lot or have to talk loudly to get your child's attention.
- Seek professional help if you're unsure. Never wait to get help for your child if you suspect a problem. You know more about your child than anyone.