



How will you know if I hear you?

A checklist for your baby's hearing and speech

Birth to 3 months

- Settles to familiar sounds or voices
- Is startled by or jumps when there is a sudden noise

3 to 6 months

- Turns head or eyes towards interesting sounds
- Appears to listen
- Wakes easily to sound
- Starts to make speech-like sounds

6 to 12 months

- Understands simple words such as 'no' and 'bye-bye'
- Begins to copy speech sounds
- Turns head to soft sounds

12 to 18 months

- Appears to understand more words each week
- When asked, points to people, body parts or toys
- Follows simple spoken instructions i.e. 'sit down'
- Says two to three real words i.e. 'ball', 'dog', 'car'

The hearing of all babies and children can change over time. If you have any concerns about your baby's hearing, contact your baby's doctor or staff at your local health clinic.