



Hearing Checklist Birth to 12 months

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Person Completing Screening: _____ Date Completed: _____

Directions:

Please highlight or tick each sentence that is true for your baby.

Birth

- Startles to loud noise such as a hand clap or a door slamming.
- Blinks, opens eyes widely, stops sucking or starts to cry to loud noise.

1 month old

- Starts to notice sudden, prolonged sounds like the noise of a vacuum cleaner and may turn towards the noise.
- Pauses and listens to noises when they begin.

4 months old

- Goes quiet or smiles at the sound of a familiar voice, even when unable to see the speaker.
- Turns their eyes or head toward a familiar voice, even when unable to see the speaker.
- Shows excitement at sounds (such as voices, favourite toys, etc.).
- Makes soft sounds when awake.
- Gurgles and coos.

7 months old

- Turns immediately to a familiar voice across the room, even when unable to see the speaker.
- Turns to very quiet noises made on each side, even when unable to see the source of sound.
- Makes laughter-like sounds.
- Starts to make sing-song vowel sounds (e.g., 'a, a', 'muh', 'goo', 'der', 'aroo', 'adah').

9 months old

- Listens closely to familiar, everyday sounds.
- Searches for very quiet sounds made out of sight.
- Makes sounds to communicate emotion (happy, frustrated, etc).
- Babbles (e.g., 'da da da', 'ma ma ma', 'ba ba ba').
- Starts to imitate other sounds like coughing or smacking lips.



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12 months old

- Shows some response to own name.
- Respond to familiar words such as 'no' and 'bye-bye' even when any accompanying gesture cannot be seen.
- Babbles loudly, often in a rhythm that sounds like a conversation.
- May start to use one or two recognisable words.