

How will I know if my baby can hear?

Milestones:

2-3 Months	4-6 Months	6-12 Months	By 12 Months
Startles to loud or sudden noises	Awakened by a sudden noise	Indicates needs by vocalising	Recognises name
Laughs out loud and forms sounds, e.g. "goo"	Turns head towards and listens to interesting sounds	Babbles a variety of sounds, e.g. "da-da-da", "ma-ma-ma"	Understands "No"
Recognises familiar voices	Likes to squeal and yell – enjoys own voice		Understands simple instructions
Quiets to caregiver's voice	Makes syllables out of vowels and consonants		Says first words
Distinguishes changes in voice (cries in response to an angry voice)	Makes non-speech sounds e.g. raspberries (blowing with lips)		

When should I take my baby or child for a hearing test?

1. When any of the risk factors are present
2. When my baby does not pass the milestones checklist
3. When I am concerned about my baby's hearing

Remember: Babies can be tested right after birth!