

## Developmental Milestones

### 0-3 months

Startles at sudden loud sounds  
Stirs, wakes up, or cries at loud sounds  
Quiets to familiar voices

### 3-6 months

Turns head or moves eyes to find direction of sound source  
Starts to make speech-like sounds  
Enjoys toys that make sound

### 6-9 months

Responds to hearing own name  
Begins to understand simple words (“no” and “bye-bye”)  
Begins to imitate sounds

### 9-12 months

Uses 2 or more words  
Responds when told “no”  
Imitates simple words and sounds

### 12-18 months

Uses 10 or more words  
Identifies familiar objects (body parts, toys, pictures, etc.)  
Reacts to music

### 18-24 months

Uses 20 or more words, combines 2 or more words to make phrases  
Understands and follows simple directions  
Enjoys being read to



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**Your Baby Needs  
Another  
Hearing Test**



**Finding hearing loss early  
can make a big difference  
in your baby's life.**

## Why does my baby need a second hearing test?

- Some babies need another hearing test because:
  - there is fluid in the ear.
  - the baby was moving a lot.
  - there was noise in the testing room.
  - the baby has hearing loss.
- Most babies who need another hearing test have normal hearing. Some babies will have hearing loss.

## Why is it important to have another hearing test as soon as possible?

- Hearing testing is the only way to know if a baby has a hearing loss.
- If hearing loss is found early, there are more options for treatment. It is important to have the follow-up hearing test before one month of age.
- If hearing loss is not found early, it will be harder for the baby to learn and develop.

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## What will happen during my visit?

- The follow-up hearing test will be done at a hospital or by an audiologist (hearing specialist).
- The hearing test is a safe and painless process.
- If your baby needs more testing, get it done as soon as possible.

## Can a newborn baby pass the hearing test and still have hearing loss?

- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the hearing test, but lose their hearing later because of:
  - some illnesses
  - some injuries
  - some medicines
  - a family history of hearing loss



An appointment has been made for your baby's next hearing test. Please call if you need to reschedule.

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Baby's name

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Date and time of appointment

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Test site

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Telephone number