

Community resource 2: Identifying hearing loss in children

Find your child's age range in the checklist. Check "yes" or "no" for each item. After you complete the checklist, if any of the items are checked "no," show it to your child's doctor. Tell the doctor if you think your child has trouble hearing.

<p><u>Birth to 3 Months</u></p> <hr/> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to loud sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Calms down or smiles when spoken to</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes your voice and calms down if crying</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> When feeding, starts or stops sucking in response to sound</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Coos and makes pleasure sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a special way of crying for different needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles when he or she sees you</p> <p><u>Birth to 3 Months</u></p> <hr/> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to loud sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Calms down or smiles when spoken to</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes your voice and calms down if crying</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> When feeding, starts or stops sucking in response to sound</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Coos and makes pleasure sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a special way of crying for different needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles when he or she sees you</p> <p><u>4 to 6 Months</u></p> <hr/> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Follows sounds with his or her eyes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to changes in the tone of your voice</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Notices toys that make sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pays attention to music</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles in a speech-like way and uses many different sounds, including</p>	<p><u>1 to 2 Years</u></p> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Knows a few parts of the body and can point to them when asked</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Follows simple commands ("Roll the ball") and understands simple questions ("Where's your shoe?")</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys simple stories, songs, and rhymes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Points to pictures, when named, in books</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Acquires new words on a regular basis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some one- or two-word questions ("Where kitty?" or "Go bye-bye?")</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Puts two words together ("More cookie")</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses many different consonant sounds the beginning of words</p> <p><u>2 to 3 Years</u></p> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a word for almost everything?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses two- or three-word phrases to talk about and ask things</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses k, g, f, t, d, and n sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks in a way that is understood by family members and friends</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Names objects to ask for them or to direct attention to them</p> <p><u>3 to 4 Years</u></p> <p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hears you when you call from another room</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hears the television or radio at the same sound level as other family members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Answers simple "Who?" "What?" "Where?" and "Why?" questions</p>
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sounds that begin with p, b, and m

- Laughs
- Babbles when excited or unhappy
- Makes gurgling sounds when alone or playing with you

7 Months to 1 Year

YES NO

- Enjoys playing peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake
- Turns and looks in the direction of sounds
- Listens when spoken to
- Understands words for common items such as "cup", "shoe", or "juice"
- Responds to requests ("Come here")
- Babbles using long and short groups of sounds ("tata, upup, bibibi")
- Babbles to get and keep attention
- Communicates using gestures such as waving holding up arms
- Imitates different speech sounds
- Has one or two words ("Hi," "dog," "Dada," or "Mama") by first birthday

- Talks about activities at daycare, preschool, or 'friends' homes
- Uses sentences with four or more words
- Speaks easily without repeating syllables or words

4 to 5 Year

YES NO

- Pays attention to a short story and answers simple questions about it
- Hears and understands most of what is said at home and in school
- Uses sentences that give many details
- Tells stories that stay on topic
- Communicates easily with other children and adults
- Says most sounds correctly except for a few (l, s, r, v, z, ch, sh, and th)
- Uses rhyming words
- Names some letters and numbers
- Uses adult grammar

This checklist is based upon *How Does Your Child Hear and Talk?*, courtesy of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.