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DEVELOPMENTAL NORMS Birth to 12 months

Birth to 3 months

- Startles at loud sounds.
- Quiets or smiles when you talk.
- Seems to recognize your voice. Quiets if crying.

Birth to 3 months

- Makes cooing sounds.
- Cries change for different needs.
- Smiles at people.

4 to 6 months

- Moves her/his eyes in the direction of sounds.
- Responds to changes in your tone of voice.
- Notices toys that make sounds.
- Pays attention to music.

4 to 6 months

- Coos and babbles when playing alone or with you.
- Makes speech-like babbling sounds, like *pa, ba, and mi*.
- Giggles and laughs.
- Makes sounds when happy or upset.

7 months to 1 year

- Turns and looks in the direction of sounds.
- Looks when you point.
- Turns when you call her name.
- Understands words for common items and people—words like *cup, truck, juice, and daddy*.
- Starts to respond to simple words and phrases, like “No,” “Come here,” and “Want more?”
- Plays games with you, like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake.
- Listens to songs & stories for a short time.

7 months to 1 year

- Babbles long strings of sounds, like *mimi upup babababa*.
- Uses sounds and gestures to get and keep attention.
- Points to objects and shows them to others.
- Uses gestures like waving bye, reaching for “up,” and shaking his head no.
- Imitates different speech sounds.
- Says 1 or 2 words, like *hi, dog, dada, mama, or uh-oh*. This will happen around his first birthday, but sounds may not be clear.