

Some things a baby with normal hearing should be able to do:

#### Birth to 3 Months of Age

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like "ohh," "ahh"

#### 3 to 6 Months of Age

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Starts babbling ("baba," "mama," "gaga")
- Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles

#### 6 to 9 Months of Age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Babbles, for example "baba," "mama," "gaga"

#### 9 to 12 Months of Age

- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses "mama" or "dada"
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you have questions about your baby's hearing or this list, talk with your baby's health professional.

#### Where else can I get information?

- Visit [www.babyhearing.org](http://www.babyhearing.org)



# Your Baby Needs Another Hearing Test



## Why does my baby need another hearing test?

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

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

- Testing is the only way to know if a baby has a hearing loss.
- The earlier a hearing loss is found, the better it is for a baby.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, there are many ways we can help your baby.

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



## What will happen during my visit?

- A hearing specialist (an audiologist) will test your baby and tell you the results or tell you if more tests are needed.
- The test is safe and painless.
- A few babies will need a more complete set of hearing tests, so you may be asked to bring your baby back.
- 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 first test, but lose their hearing later because of:
  - *some illnesses*
  - *some medicines*
  - *some injuries*
  - *a family history of hearing loss*
- Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- Use the list on the back cover as a guide.
- If you have questions about your baby's hearing, talk to your baby's health professional.

*An appointment has been made for your baby's next hearing test:*

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Your Baby's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Audiologist's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Time and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

*Please call if you need to reschedule.*