

Hey Mom and Dad

I'm listening!

I am 2 months old.

Do you know that I can already do many things?

- I can look at you.
- I make little sounds when you talk to me.
- I smile when I see you.
- I love to listen to your voice. It soothes me.



Play with me!

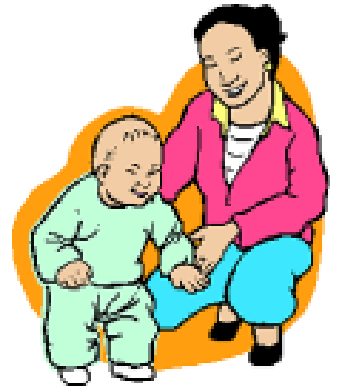
- **Play “Peek-a-boo”**: under a blanket, behind the door, behind your hands.
- **Sing songs or say nursery rhymes**, especially ones that are short or have funny sounds in them.
- **Get down on the floor with me**: I will be able to see your face when you talk to me.

I can talk with you!

I am 1 year old.

I am beginning to talk. I have lots of things to show you.

- I can say 2-3 words.
- I understand simple questions.
- I understand many words you say.
- I use my finger to point to things.



Talk with me!

- **Talk with me all day long**: while you change my diaper, when you feed me, while you dress me, as you bathe me.
- **Sing to me**: I don't understand the words but I love to hear your voice anyway.
- **Make sounds with your mouth or with toys**: my ears need to learn to listen to different sounds.

I'm watching you!

I am now 4 months old.

I want to see you, hear you and play with you.

- I look for you when I hear your voice.
- I try to get your attention.
- I love to look at your face.
- I can make sounds using my voice.



Talk with me!

- **Keep playing “Peek-a-boo”**: now I can take my turn hiding.
- **Sing songs and nursery rhymes**: I really like it when there are actions to go with the song.
- **Name things around me**: show me all kinds of things, at the store, outdoors, in the tub, in books.

Talk with me!

- **Tell me a story**: Look at books with me and tell me the names of the pictures.
- **Tickle me a little**: It's a game we can play together.
- **Bounce around and dance with me** : It makes me laugh.
- **Talk with me**: I still don't understand the words but I love your voice.

I can play!

I am 6 months old now.

I love to play with you. I am beginning to make sounds.

- I love to play “Peek-a-boo”.
- I can tell by your voice if you are happy or angry.
- I recognise my name when I hear it.



I can say even more!

I am 18 months old.

I am saying so much more! I want to talk and learn new words.

- I am beginning to put words together.
- I can show you many parts of my body if you ask me.
- I understand much of what you say.
- I can say “no” with words or by shaking my head.
- I say at least 15 words.



Talk with me!

- **Tell me simple stories**: Name the pictures in the book for me. I can point to the pictures you name.
- **Look into my eyes when you talk to me**: I will be able to understand you better.
- **Take me for a walk**: Name the things we see such as the trees, the dog, the flowers, the car and all the other things along the way.
- **Name what we are doing**: Tell me when we are jumping, eating, painting, washing, etc. I need these words before I can make sentences.