

## 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)



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## Why does my baby need another hearing test?

Some babies may need another test because:

- Fluid in the ear
- Baby was moving a lot
- Noise in the testing room
- 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 your baby has a hearing loss.
- The earlier a hearing loss is found, the better it is for your baby.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, there are many ways we can help your baby.

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## 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*      - *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

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Audiologist's Name

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Time and Date

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Place

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Phone Number

