

TYPICAL HEARING DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Birth to 4 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ...startle to loud sounds?
- Yes No ...show sensitivity to a wide range of sounds?
- Yes No ...quiet to the sound of a familiar voice?

4-6 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ...turn in the direction of a sound source?
- Yes No ... distinguish between angry and friendly voices?
- Yes No ...like rattles and toys that make sounds?

6-12 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ...turn immediately to mother's voice across the room?
- Yes No ... repeat selected sounds he/she hears?
- Yes No ... respond to his/her name?
- Yes No ... respond to "no-"no" and "bye-bye"?

12-18 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ... begin to imitate spoken words (word approximations)?
- Yes No ...jabber in response to human voice?
- Yes No ...understand about 50 words?

18-24 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ...understand simple sentences?
- Yes No ...echo prominent or last word addressed to him/her?
- Yes No ... use 10-15 words by age 2?

24-30 Months: Does your child:

- Yes No ...understand and answer" yes/no" and simple "Wh" questions?
- Yes No ...listen to simple stories?
- Yes No ...follow simple two-step directions?

30-36 Months: Does your child?

- Yes No ...use 200 words by age 3?
- Yes No ...understand nearly all sentence types (statements, questions, commands, etc.)?
- Yes No ... communicate effectively with new individuals (can be understood by others)?



Sources: Rhoades, Ellen, ED.S, Cert. AVT.
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retrieved from www/auditoryverbaltraining.com/scale.htm

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Note: The newborn hearing screenings screens for a potential hearing loss soon after birth. It is important to remember a hearing loss may happen at any time. If any of these are checked "No," at the age listed, discuss this with your doctor and ask for a referral to an audiologist for a hearing evaluation. (This is guidance information only. it is not intended to diagnosis a hearing loss.)