

Your Baby's First Year Hearing, Understanding and Talking Checklist

Hearing and Understanding	Talking
Birth to 3 Months Yes No Startles to loud sounds Quiets or smiles when spoken to Recognizes your voice and quits crying Increases or decreases sucking behavior in response to sound	Birth to 3 Months Yes No Coos and makes pleasure sounds Cries differently for different needs Smiles when sees you
4 to 6 Months Yes No ☐ ☐ Moves eyes in direction of sounds ☐ Responds to changes in tone of your voice ☐ ☐ Notices toys that make sounds ☐ ☐ Pays attention to music	4 to 6 Months Yes No □ □ Babbles in a speech-like way and uses many different sounds including "p", "b", and "m" □ □ Chuckles and laughs □ □ Vocalizes excitement and displeasure □ □ Makes gurgling sounds when alone or playing with you
7 Months to 1 Year Yes No Enjoys playing peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake Turns and looks in direction of sounds Listens when spoken to Understands words for common items such as "cup", "shoe", "book", "juice" Responds to requests such as "Come to Mommy" or "Want more?"	7 Months to 1 Year Yes No □ □ Babbles to get and keep your attention □ □ Babbles using long and short groups of sounds such as "baba", "mamama" □ □ Communicates using gestures such as waiving "bye-bye" or holding up arms to be picked up □ □ Imitates different speech sounds □ □ Says one or two words such as "Hi", "dog", "Dada", "Mama" around first birthday