



## **Normal Speech and Hearing Behavior**

### **0-4 Months**

- Startles to sudden sound (cough, dog bark, hand clap)- do not count responses to vibratory stimuli such as door slam, foot stamp, etc
- When asleep, stirs or awakens when someone speaks, or a noise is made near him/her in a quiet room
- When crying or fearful, calms down momentarily when spoken to out of visual range

### **4-8 Months**

- Turns head and eyes toward sounds on either side out of peripheral vision (localizes to the side)
- In a quiet situation, changes expression or widens eyes in response to fairly loud voice or sound
- By 6 months, babbles in response to parents talking
- By 6 months, babbling includes four different words

### **8-12 Months**

- Turns directly and quietly to soft noisemaker, name, or 'shsh' out of peripheral vision
- Enjoys music, responding by listening, bouncing, or vocalizing
- Makes several different consonant sounds in his babbling
- Uses different pitches in the babbling
- Imitates speech sounds

### **12-18 Months**

- Identifies (points to, looks at) familiar objects, body parts, or people upon request
- Uses a few single words; may not be completely or clear, but are meaningful
- Appears to talk but is unintelligible (jargon, jabbering)

### **18-24 Months**

- Follows a few simple commands without visual cues
- Uses a variety of everyday words; may not be complete or clear, but are meaningful
- Appears to talk but is unintelligible (jargon, jabbering)

### **3-4 Years**

- Vocabulary of about 900 words
- 90% of speech can be understood
- Counts to three or more
- Names most colors
- • Can talk in short sentences
- • Recites a few nursery rhymes, sings songs, etc
- • May speak with hesitations or repetitions

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