

When will I hear a first word?

Reminder: No two babies say their first words at the same time!

Birth

Communication starts at birth!

Crying and wiggling are the first ways newborns communicate.



2-4 Months

Babies begin smiling, giggling, and sticking their tongue out.

This is how babies share emotions and this is the foundation of communication!

4-6 Months

Babbling starts!

Babies begin to recognize important words like their own name and the name of trusted adults, but they don't understand the meaning quite yet.



6-9 Months

Babies learn that sound and movements can communicate things.

They also begin to learn the meaning of simple words and what they are associated with.



7-12 Months

Babbling will start to sound more like how adults have conversations, but with made up words.

They are learning to get their point across using gestures and showing you things.

12 Months

Keep an ear out for that first word.

It is important to keep in mind that every baby is on their own timeline and some babies start speaking earlier than this and some babies take a little more time.

If you are concerned about your child's language reach out to a speech, language pathologist, teacher, family doctor, or your local early intervention program.

How does play support language?

Talk to your baby! When you respond to a baby, the babies are more likely to keep trying to communicate with you!

Responding to them lets them see different emotions and gestures.



These milestones can be seen in children using various languages, including signed languages!



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