

Here is a checklist of some of the general signs you can look out for in your baby's first year:

Shortly after birth

Your baby should be startled by a sudden loud noise such as a hand clap or a door slamming and should blink or open his eyes widely to such sounds.

Yes No



By 1 Month

Your baby should be beginning to notice sudden prolonged sounds like the noise of a vacuum cleaner and she should pause and listen to them when they begin.

Yes No



By 4 Months

He should quieten or smile to the sound of your voice even when he cannot see you. He may also turn his head or eyes toward you if you come up from behind and speak to him from the side.

Yes No

By 7 Months

She should turn immediately to your voice across the room or to very quiet noises made on each side if she is not too occupied with other things.

Yes No



By 9 Months

He should listen attentively to familiar everyday sounds and search for very quiet sounds made out of sight. He should also show pleasure in babbling loudly and tunefully.

Yes No

By 12 Months



She should show some response to her own name and to other familiar words. She may also respond when you say 'no' and 'bye bye' even when she cannot see any accompanying gesture.

Yes No

If you suspect that your baby is not hearing normally, either because you cannot answer yes to the items above or for some other reasons, please seek advice from your nurse or doctor.

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