



Language/Communication Milestones Checklist⁵

Handout A5



At this stage of development, my baby may...

- ☐ Respond to the sound of my voice
- ☐ Coo, gurgle, and squeal
- ☐ Take part in back and forth communication
- ☐ Communicate by smiling, gazing into my eyes, and crying
- ☐ Show different emotions
- ☐ Return a smile to me when I smile at them
- ☐ Watch my face as I'm talking
- ☐ Make sounds from the language(s) that they hear
- ☐ Laugh
- ☐ Use different types of cries to tell me what they need
- ☐ Babble
- ☐ Try to copy sounds that they hear
- ☐ Seem curious about the sounds they hear me making
- ☐ Turn their head toward me when they hear me talking
- ☐ Watch my mouth move when I'm talking
- ☐ Seem curious about different colors
- ☐ Push away something that they don't like
- ☐ Begin to make a variety of repeated sounds that are from the language(s) they hear
- ☐ Use different volumes and pitches when they're communicating
- ☐ Play with their toys by "talking" to them

Reminder...
Babies grow
and develop at
different rates. Your
baby may be following
a different path than
other infants the
same age.

How I can support language/communication development...

- ☐ Position my baby where they can see my face and talk with them in the language(s) I prefer to use
- ☐ When they're crying, comfort them using a calming voice and loving words
- ☐ Hum different songs or rhythms to them

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- ☐ Sing to them using songs that they enjoy or that are special to our family's culture
- ☐ Read books to my infant and tell them stories
- ☐ Play with them and copy the sounds that they make
- ☐ Talk to them as I go about my daily routine. I may say things like, "It's time to change your diaper" or "I'm making your tummy extra clean. Now let's wash your legs."
- ☐ Use my infant's name when I'm talking with them
- ☐ When they communicate using their sounds, body movements, and facial expressions, talk with them about what I think they're trying to tell me
- ☐ Copy the sounds that they make as this encourages them to practice using other sounds

Remember that the Daily Do *Two-Way Talk* also supports language and communication development.

