

Hearing Checklist

The checklist outlines behavior which may be expected of a child at various age levels. If the consistency fails to respond as the checklist suggests, he/she may have a problem in which requires further evaluation.

<u>Average Age</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Average Behavior</u>
3-6 Months	What does your child do when you talk to them?	The child awakens or quiets to the sound of his/her mother's voice.
	Does your child react to your voice even when they cannot see you?	Your child typically turns their eyes and head in the direction of the source of sound.
7-10 Months	When your child cannot see what is happening, what do they do when he hears familiar footsteps...the dog barking...the telephone ringing...candy paper rattling...someone's voice...his own name?	Your child turns their head and shoulders toward familiar sounds even when they cannot see what is happening. Such sounds do not have to be loud to cause your child to respond.
11-15 Months	Does your child respond differently to different sounds?	He jabbars in response to a human voice, is apt to cry when there is thunder, or may frown when he is scolded.
	Does your child enjoy listening to some sounds and imitating them?	Imitation indicates that your child can hear the sounds and match them with his own sound production.
1 ½ Years	How many understandable words does your child use—words you are sure really mean something?	Your child should be using a few single words. They are not complete or pronounced perfectly but are clearly meaningful.
2 Years	Does your child enjoy being read to?	Most 2-year olds enjoy being "read to" and shown simple pictures in a book or magazine, and will point out, pictures when you ask them.
	Is your child beginning to show interest in the sound of radio or TV commercials?	Many 2-year olds do show such interest, by word or action.
2 ½ Years	Does your child know a few rhymes or songs? Does your child enjoy hearing them? What does your child do when the ice cream man's bell rings, out of his sight or when a car door or house door closes at a time when someone in the family usually comes home?	Many children can say or sing short rhymes or songs and enjoy listening to music or mother singing. If a child has good hearing, and these are events that bring him pleasure, he usually reacts to the sound by running to look or telling someone what he hears.
	Can your child find you when you call them from another room?	Your child should be able to locate the source of a sound.