



Speech and Language Development Checklist

0-12 months

0-6 months

- Searches for speaker
- Recognizes own name
- Babbles
- Vocalizes feelings through intonation
- Frequently puts fingers, objects, clothing, pacifier into mouth for sucking and mouthing
- Breastfeeding and/or bottle feeding
- Starting soft, smooth solid foods
- Cooing: vowel-like sounds

7-9 months

- Self-feeds simple, finger foods
- Babbles same sounds repeatedly (baba or mama)
- Produces sounds which are similar to t,d,n,f,v,z,ch,j,th,sh and s
- Makes sound while eating with food in mouth
- Reaches for object and looks for caregiver's reaction
- Tolerates smooth, lumpy solids fed by spoon by 9 months

10-12 months

- Clears food off spoon with upper lip (eats lumpy, mashed foods)
- Feeding self with fingers
- Babbles using different sounds (nama)
- Takes turns vocalizing
- Will imitate others' vocalizations or gestures
- Points/gestures and vocalizes
- Participates in joint attention activities