

## DOES YOUR CHILD:

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*Child's Name*

Pay attention to your face or lips when you are talking?

- Often       Sometimes       Not Yet

Make cooing sounds?

- Often       Sometimes       Not Yet

Seem to have different cries for different needs?

- Often       Sometimes       Not Yet



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### Talk to your baby

Your child won't understand your words yet, but your voice can be a soothing sound. Hearing your voice while looking at your face sets the stage for language development. As your child connects your face with the sounds you make they will begin to understand your emotions and words.

### Play with sounds

Cooing, babbling, and making silly sounds are also ways to expose your child to your voice. Try talking or making noises on one side of your child and then the other to encourage them to turn their head toward the sound of your voice. Make sure your child isn't overwhelmed by loud or unusual sounds.

### Show your child different expressions

Your child will first learn about language by watching and listening. As you talk, change your facial expression, looking lovingly at your baby, smiling, or looking surprised. Work to keep expressions positive and pleasant so they won't alarm or scare your baby.

