

# Making sounds



## 4 months

Makes soft sounds when awake.

## 6 months

Makes laughter-like sounds. Starts to make sing-song vowel sounds, e.g. a-a, muh, goo, der, aroo, adah.

## 9 months

Makes sounds to communicate in friendliness or annoyance. Babbles, e.g. da da da, ma ma ma, ba ba ba. Shows pleasure in babbling loudly and tunefully. Starts to imitate other sounds like coughing or smacking lips.

## 12 months

Babbles loudly, often in a conversational-type rhythm. May start to use one or two recognizable words.

## 15 months

Makes lots of speech-like sounds. Uses two to six recognisable words meaningfully, e.g. 'teddy' when seeing or wanting a teddy bear.

## 18 months (1 ½ years old)

Makes speech-like sounds with conversational-type rhythm when playing. Uses six to 20 recognisable words. Tries to join in with nursery rhymes and songs.

## 24 months (2 years old)

Uses 50 or more recognizable words appropriately. Puts two or more words together to make simple sentences e.g. 'more milk'. Joins in nursery rhymes and songs. Talks to self during play (may be incomprehensible to others).

## 30 months (2 ½ years old)

Uses 200 or more recognizable words. Uses pronouns (e.g. I, me, you). Uses sentences but many will lack adult structure. Talks intelligibly to self during play. Asks questions. Says a few nursery rhymes.

## 36 months (3 years old)

Has a large vocabulary intelligible to everyone.