

Have this checklist handy when you telephone Flourish Speech Pathology to discuss your child's speech therapy needs.

Remember: This not a comprehensive list & does not replace assessment by a speech language pathologist. It should be used as a guide only.

Listening & Understanding

Birth – 3 months

- Startles to loud sounds
- Smiles or becomes quiet when spoken to
- Appears to recognise your voice
- Makes eye contact with you

3-6 months

- Moves eyes to the direction of sounds
- Responds to changes in the tone of your voice
- Notices toys that makes sounds



Talking

Birth – 3 months

- Makes pleasure sounds (eg cooing, gooing)
- Cries differently for different needs
- Smiles when they see you

3 – 6 months

- Laughs and chuckles
- Makes noises for excitement and displeasure
- Makes gurgling sounds
- Babbling sounds that may include sounds of p, b and m

Checklist developed from the following sources:

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