

YOUR BABY AT 9 MONTHS

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.



Child's Name

Child's Age

Today's Date

Check the milestones your child has reached by the end of 9 months. Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

WHAT MOST BABIES DO AT THIS AGE:



SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- May be afraid of strangers
- May be clingy with familiar adults
- Has favorite toys



LANGUAGE/COMMUNICATION

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mamamama" and "bababababa"
- Copies sounds and gestures of others
- Uses fingers to point at things



COGNITIVE (learning, thinking, problem-solving)

- Watches the path of something as it falls
- Looks for things they see you hide
- Plays peek-a-boo
- Puts things in their mouth
- Moves things smoothly from one hand to the other
- Picks up things like cereal o's between thumb and index finger



MOVEMENT/PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Stands, holding on
- Can get into sitting position
- Sits without support
- Pulls to stand
- Crawls

Act Early by Talking to Your Child's Doctor if Your Child:

- Doesn't bear weight on legs with support
- Doesn't sit with help
- Doesn't babble ("mama", "baba", "dada")
- Doesn't play any games involving back-and-forth play
- Doesn't respond to own name
- Doesn't seem to recognize familiar people
- Doesn't look where you point
- Doesn't transfer toys from one hand to the other

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, call 1-800-EarlyOn, or visit 1800earlyon.org.

Steps
Great strides begin with small steps.

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