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8 MONTHS

Turns toy parts and put objects in and out of containers	Y N
Appears aware of conversations	Y N
Indicates his/her needs by vocalizing instead of only crying	Y N
Uses different types of cries for a variety of needs and emotions	Y N
Reacts to emotional tone of voice (e.g. smiles if you sound happy)	Y N
Turns head away from you if he/she does not want something	Y N
Stops an activity when his/her name is called	Y N
Looks at familiar people and pets when their names are used	Y N
Says word-like utterances using two consonants (e.g. Dada)	Y N
Recognizes names of common objects (e.g. "bottle," "blanket")	Y N
Discriminates primary caretaker's voice from a stranger's voice	Y N
Combines consonants and vowels when babbling (e.g. "baba")	Y N
Uses long chains of babbled sounds	Y N
Imitates speech sounds	Y N
Exhibits vocal variations of intensity (e.g. shouts vs. coos)	Y N
Sings along with music	Y N

If your child is *not* demonstrating the above developmental skills, consultation is recommended with a private, licensed, speech language pathologist. A simple phone call may determine if a screening test is needed or if your child needs in-depth diagnostic testing. It is better to call now than to "wait and worry". Most often, guidance or short-term intervention is all that is needed to prevent future problems from developing. Contact us to schedule a no cost phone conference.