

Hearing checklist

Newborn Screening
Free health checks for your baby

Can your baby hear?

At 6 weeks, when there is a sudden loud noise, do they:

- jump or blink?
- stir in their sleep?
- stop sucking for a moment?
- look up from sucking?
- cry?

At 3 months, do they:

- blink or cry when there is a sudden noise?
- stop crying or sucking when you talk?
- wake or stir to loud sounds?
- coo or smile when you talk?
- turn their eyes toward voices?
- seem to like a musical toy?
- seem to know your voice?

At 5 months, do they:

- turn towards a sound or someone speaking?
- cry when there is a sudden noise?
- like music?
- make lots of different babbling sounds?
- sometimes copy sounds you make?

At 8 –10 months, do they:

- respond to their own name?
- look around to find new sounds – even quiet ones?
- understand 'no' and 'bye-bye'?
- listen when people talk?
- like copying sounds?
- use babbling that sounds like real speech?
- try to talk back when you talk?

If your baby does have a hearing loss, finding it early is good for their language, learning and social development.

These hearing checklists, and checklists for children over 8 months, are in your baby's *Well Child Tamariki Ora Health Book*.

For further information about newborn hearing screening, visit the National Screening Unit's website: www.nsu.govt.nz

This resource is available to download from: www.healthed.govt.nz



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