

Good Hearing Matters

When children can hear well, it helps them to:

- ✓ Learn to talk.
- ✓ Learn about their environment.
- ✓ Develop socially.
- ✓ Develop emotionally.

Babies and young children can't tell us when they do not hear well.

When to ask for help

Ask for help if your child:

- Does not react to sounds.
- Can't tell where sounds are coming from.
- Uses gestures more than words.
- Responds better when speech is loud.
- Gets upset when trying to talk.
- Asks you to repeat things.
- Does not speak clearly.
- Stops learning new speech.
- Cannot follow directions.

Where to get help

Public Health Hearing Clinics

Abbotsford

#104 - 34194 Marshall Road, Abbotsford
Tel: 604-864-3468 Fax: 604-864-3410

Burnaby

#105 - 4946 Canada Way, Burnaby
Tel: 604-918-7663 Fax: 604-918-7660

Chilliwack

45470 Menholm Road, Chilliwack
Tel: 604-702-4944 Fax: 604-702-4971

Guildford

#100 - 10233 153rd Street, Surrey
Tel: 604-587-4751 Fax: 604-587-4777

Langley

#110 - 6470 201st Street, Langley
Tel: 604-539-2904 Fax: 604-530-8138

Maple Ridge

#400 - 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge
Tel: 604-476-7070 Fax: 604-476-7077

New Westminster

#236 - 610 Sixth Street, New Westminster
Tel: 604-777-6855 Fax: 604-525-3803

North Delta

3rd Floor, 11245 84th Avenue, Delta
Tel: 604-507-5440 Fax: 604-591-7382

Audiology Department upon specialist referral

Abbotsford Regional Hospital

32900 Marshall Road, Abbotsford
Tel: 604-851-4700 Fax: 604-851-4872

Surrey Memorial Hospital

13750 96th Avenue, Surrey
Tel: 604-585-5674 Fax: 604-585-5568

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How Well Does My Child Hear? (Birth to 5 Years of Age)



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What should I expect?

Birth to 3 months

- ✓ Reacts to loud sounds.
- ✓ Startles or cries to very loud sounds.
- ✓ Quiets down to familiar voices.
- ✓ Starts to make sounds such as coos or gurgles.

3 to 6 months

- ✓ Turns head and/ or eyes toward new sounds.
- ✓ Makes different sounds.
- ✓ Enjoys music or toys that make noise.
- ✓ Smiles when spoken to.

6 to 9 months

- ✓ Responds to own name.
- ✓ Babbles such as “ba ba ba”
- ✓ Tries to copy sounds.
- ✓ Turns head toward soft sounds.



9 to 12 months

- ✓ Turns head to see where sound is coming from.
- ✓ Uses voice to get attention.
- ✓ Responds to simple speech such as “Come here”, “bye bye”.
- ✓ Listens to people talking.



12 to 18 months

- ✓ Follows simple directions such as “Give me the ball”.
- ✓ Uses 10 to 15 common words.
- ✓ Enjoys music or singing.

18 to 24 months

- ✓ Points to body parts and pictures in a book when asked.
- ✓ Understands more words than he or she can say.
- ✓ Starts to say 2 words together such as “More juice”.
- ✓ Asks simple questions such as “What’s that?”
- ✓ Takes turns in a conversation.

2 to 3 years

- ✓ Understands directions with two parts such as “Take the book and put it on the table”.
- ✓ Makes 2 to 3 word sentences.
- ✓ Answers simple questions such as “What’s your name?”
- ✓ Takes part in short conversations.

3 to 4 years

- ✓ Tells a story.
- ✓ Adds ending to words such as running or toys.
- ✓ Asks and answers questions.



4 to 5 years

- ✓ Pronounces most speech sounds clearly.
- ✓ Takes part in conversations even if there is background noise.
- ✓ Listens to and retells a story.
- ✓ Responds to questions with answers that make sense.