

Developmental Milestones

3 ½ to 5 ½ Months

Language:

- Turns head to locate a sound
- Listens intently to sounds made with own mouth
- Practices sounds when alone
- Gurgles and coos to show pleasure
- Makes raspberries or similar sounds

Intellectual:

- Investigates small objects with hands, fingers, and eyes
- Brings objects to mouth to explore
- Accurately bats dangling objects and repeats the activity
- Looks at person or object for at least one minute

Social-Emotional:

- Responds to familiar faces by calming, smiling, vocalizing, and/or vigorously moving arms and legs
- Responds to attention and affection
- Laughs
- Recognizes regular caregivers
- Stops crying briefly when parents approach

Motor:

- Turns on either side
- Lifts head and chest using forearms for support
- Sits with support
- Holds toys with both hands
- Stretches legs and kicks at objects
- Reaches and grasps items of interest
- Holds head steady in supported sitting position
- Turns from stomach to back or back to stomach