

Developmental Milestones

8 to 14 Months

Language:

- Responds to simple requests sometimes
- Responds to 'no' sometimes
- Listens for a few minutes to rhymes and songs
- Looks at books and points to familiar named pictures
- Understands 10 frequently used words
- Points, gestures, or makes sounds to indicate wants and needs
- Jabbers
- Tries to say a few words, including dada and mama specifically

Intellectual:

- Examines small objects and details
- Experiments purposefully with objects to discover the effects of his actions (e.g., light switch)
- Repeats acts which have produced interesting effects
- Remembers the location of hidden objects (e.g., TV remote)
- Places a round shape into a round sorter

Social-Emotional:

- Knows the difference between familiar people and strangers
- Tries to be included in activities of the family
- Gets caregivers' attention and wants to be near them
- Shows parents when needs help
- Plays simple imitative games such as 'pat-a-cake' and 'so-big'
- Shows affection and annoyance
- Observes and imitates actions of people
- Shows satisfaction with own accomplishments; smiles
- Initiates interaction with familiar people

Motor:

- Pulls self up to stand
- Cruises
- Lowers self to sitting position
- Stands alone
- Walks with assistance

- Climbs stairs and other low objects
- Turns pages in a stiff book
- Tosses or throws without control
- Bangs two objects together
- Picks up tiny objects with thumb and index finger (pincer grasp)
- Uses index finger to point