

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.

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

Abbotsford Public Health Hearing Clinic
34194 Marshall Road, Abbotsford
Tel: 604-864-3434

Abbotsford Regional Hospital, Audiology
32900 Marshall Road, Abbotsford
Tel: 604-854-2117

Burnaby Public Health Hearing Clinic
105-4946 Canada Way, Burnaby
Tel: 918-7663

Chilliwack Public Health Hearing Clinic
45470 Menholm Road, Chilliwack
Tel: 604-702-4945

Cloverdale Public Health Hearing Clinic
103A 17790 56th Avenue, Cloverdale
Tel: 604-575-6381

Guildford Public Health Hearing Clinic
100-10233 153rd Street, Surrey
Tel: 604-587-4751

Langley Public Health Hearing Clinic
20389 Fraser Highway, Langley
Tel: 539-2904

Maple Ridge Public Health Hearing Clinic
400-22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge
Tel: 604-476-7070

New Westminster Public Health Hearing Clinic
80A-6th Street, New Westminster
Tel: 604-777-6855

North Delta Public Health Hearing Clinic
3rd Floor, 11245 84th Avenue, North Delta
Tel: 604-507-5442

Surrey Memorial Hospital, Audiology
13750-96th Avenue, Surrey
Tel: 604-585-5674

How well does my child hear?

(Birth to 5-years-old)



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Audiology



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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 (e.g. coos or gurgles)

3 to 6 months

- Turns head/eyes towards 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 (“ba ba ba”)
- Tries to copy sounds
- Turns head toward soft sounds

9 to 12 months

- Turns head to see where a sound is coming from
- Uses voice to get attention
- Responds to simple speech (e.g. “come here”, “bye-bye”)
- Listens to people talking

12 to 18 months

- Follows simple directions (e.g. “give me the ball”)
- Uses 10-15 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/she can say
- Starts to say 2 words together (e.g. “more juice”)
- Asks simple questions (e.g. “what’s that”)
- Takes turns in a conversation

2 to 3 years

- Understands directions with two parts (“take the book and put it on the table”)
- Makes 2-3 word sentences
- Answers simple questions (e.g.: “what’s your name?”)
- Participates in short conversations

3 to 4 years

- Tells a short story
- Adds endings to words e.g. “running” or “toys”
- Asks and answers questions

4 to 5 years

- Pronounces most speech sounds clearly
- Participates in conversations even if there is background noise
- Listens to and retells a story
- Asks and answers questions about a story
- Responds to questions with answers that make sense