



## Need more information?

If you are worried about how your child is listening and talking you might like to:

1. Read **fact sheets** from <http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/information-for-the-public/fact-sheets>
2. Talk to a **Speech Pathologist** - contact Browns Plains Community Health Centre for details.



## Community Contacts

**Browns Plains Community Health Centre**  
Phone: 07 3412 3100

**Logan Central Community Health Centre**  
Phone: 07 3290 8900

**Butterfly Wings**  
Free, interactive Early Literacy program for families  
Contact Gwen or Lisa at [www.butterflywingsearlyyearsconsultancy.com.au](http://www.butterflywingsearlyyearsconsultancy.com.au)

**Save the Children Australia**  
Intensive Supported Play Scheme  
Phone: (07) 3844 2699  
or contact Celia Verrall  
on 0411 668 852 or email: [celia.verrall@savethechildren.org.au](mailto:celia.verrall@savethechildren.org.au)



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# Help me listen & talk!



## Birth to 3 years

# About me!

By **6-8 months** old I should be making different sounds and babbling – it's fun!



*bababa*

When I am around **12 months** old I will say my first real word and understand some simple words!



*Mum!*

When I am **18 months** old I can use 5-20 words, although they may not sound perfect!

Mum, dad,  
ball, more,  
me



When I am around **2**, I will put two words together and understand simple sentences!

*More block!*



When I am around **3**, I will use three to four word sentences, know and use 1000 words and follow directions!

Daddy look  
at Teddy!



# Tips and tricks to help me listen and talk!

*Put this brochure on the fridge!*

I like hearing your voice. **Talk to me!**

I like seeing your face. **Look at me** when I talk and play with you!

**Sing** me songs and nursery rhymes. It helps me learn to listen and talk!

**Read** me lots of books with colourful pictures. It's okay to just tell me about the pictures!



**Make funny sounds** with me (e.g. "A cow says moo!")

Talk to me about what I'm doing, seeing and hearing with **simple words** (e.g. "There's a dog!")

**Follow my lead**, and be excited by what I'm doing! Get down on my level and repeat the sounds I make – it's fun!

Some sounds can be hard for me, but **listen** to what I'm trying to say. If you know what I'm trying to say, **say** the words back to me (e.g. Child: "Wed tuck!" Adult: "Oh, you have a red truck!").

**Tell me** what you're doing and **repeat key words** (e.g. "I am washing your hair. Wash, wash, wash.")

Expect me to make some mistakes. Be patient, I am still learning!



Try these out when we're...

At the park

Doing the shopping

In the bath

Eating a meal

Getting dressed

At playgroup

Going to bed

