



Did you know?

Your baby will make big learning steps from 6 to 12 months.

From 5 months, your baby's brain starts organising the sounds it hears.

By 6–7 months your baby will babble and make sounds like 'dada' and 'googoo'.

By 7 months baby will begin dropping toys and looking for them.

Your baby learns through play. Playing together is critical to baby's development.

Baby is ready to share short books with you.

Libraries are for babies too.

What can you do now?

Play and talk with your baby, every day. When baby responds, give a big smile.

Repeat sounds your baby makes, so baby can hear them clearly.

Turn your face so that baby can watch your expressions.

Play games like 'peek-a-boo', clapping hands, tapping fingers, or dropping toys into a container.

Play music, sing songs and nursery rhymes many times during the day.

Share stories. Read with your baby every day. Help baby touch and feel the books.

Find out about joining your local library or playgroup.

Who can help you?

Family and friends.

Your doctor or community worker, childcare or playgroup staff.

If your baby has additional needs, ask your doctor or baby's special worker for more ideas.

Check out the Early Words website www.earlywords.info

Look out for

another tip sheet when your baby is 12 months old.