

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY

SUB-DOMAIN: COMMUNICATION

LISTENING

GOAL 48: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE THE MEANING OF LANGUAGE BY LISTENING.

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<p>Birth through 8 Months</p>	<p>Responds to environmental sounds and recognizes familiar voices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Turns to locate the source of a sound. ▪ Orients to speaker in response to communication. ▪ Shows a preference for human voice to other sounds. ▪ Recognizes familiar sounds and voices, and searches for the source of the sounds. When verbally cued, visually attends to familiar object. ▪ Reaches for familiar objects with verbal cue. ▪ Vocalizes or gestures in response to another person's voice or gesture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage child to orient to sounds that occur near him/her by turning, looking, reaching, or moving in the direction of the sound. ▪ Exaggerate vocal patterns (whisper, hum, sing, laugh) while talking to the baby. ▪ Play with noise-producing objects (bells, rattles, crinkly paper, music-box). ▪ Use simple tunes, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," but make up words or nonsense syllabus to match the tune and provide variety in listening for the baby. ▪ Talk to the baby frequently during daily care-giving routines (bathing, dressing, feeding, and play activities). ▪ Vary pitch, intonation, and intensity as you talk with baby. ▪ Play sound games with variety. For example, make mouth sounds, changing sounds to be slow, then faster, softer, then louder. ▪ Record sounds such as a bell ringing, a door closing, a child singing, a ball bouncing, then play the recording as the baby listens. Between sounds, say the words to describe the sound. ▪ Use exaggerated expression on your face and in your voice as you play with and read books with the baby. ▪ Read stories and nursery rhymes using different speeds and intonations. ▪ Play a variety of music and tap your fingers to the beat,

			<p>sometimes gently tapping the baby's hand or arm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rock and move child to the rhythm of music.
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