

# Know More about Child Development (0 - 12 months)

Discuss with doctors or nurses  
if your baby has the following problems

By the end of 1 month,  
my baby still:

- ★ Seldom moves his/her arms or legs
- ★ Appears excessively floppy or stiff
- ★ Does not blink to bright light
- ★ Does not respond to loud noises
- ★ Does not focus on or follow your face at near



0-1 month

By the end of 3 months,  
my baby still:

- ★ Does not move much and not support his/her head temporarily when lying on his/her tummy
- ★ Does not look at his/her own hands
- ★ Does not follow moving objects with his/her eyes at near
- ★ Does not respond to loud noise
- ★ Does not make any sound
- ★ Keeps his/her hands fisted all the time and does not hold rattle put in his/her hand
- ★ Does not smile in response to your voice or face



1-3 months

By the end of 7 months,  
my baby still:

- ★ Does not sit well with support on her hands
- ★ Does not bear some weight on legs when being held up
- ★ Does not reach and grasp objects
- ★ Does not visually follow objects at near and far distance
- ★ Has one or both eyes consistently turn in or out (ie. squinting)
- ★ Does not respond to calling
- ★ Does not turn head to locate sound



4-7 months

By the end of 9 months,  
my baby still does not sit alone

- ★ Does not walk along holding onto furniture
- ★ Appears not to hear or see well
- ★ Does not pick up tiny objects using thumb and index finger (like pincers)
- ★ Does not respond to calling of his name often
- ★ Does not respond to command with gestured cues e.g. wave "bye-bye", "clap your hands"
- ★ Does not use sound, words, gestures or pointing to indicate needs

By the end of 12  
months, my baby still:



8-12 months



If you have any concerns or queries, please discuss with nurses and doctors in any Maternal and Child Health Centre or your family doctor / pediatrician or related health care professionals



Child development  
(Birth to First Month)  
<http://s.fhs.gov.hk/vgxk1>



Child development  
(1 to 12 Months)  
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# Know More about Child Development (1 - 6 years)

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if your baby has the following problems

By the end of 18 months,  
my baby still:

At any age: Appears not to  
see or hear well

By the end of 24 months,  
my child still:



- ★ Speaks no single words
- ★ Cannot walk alone
- ★ Does not play meaningfully but still engages in throwing and mouthing of objects
- ★ Does not have eye contact with carer
- ★ Does not point with finger to indicate needs

- ★ Cannot walk steadily
- ★ Can only speak in single words
- ★ Does not show any pretend play such as playing tea set
- ★ Unable to identify common household objects and body parts
- ★ Does not use gestures or words to draw your attention to his/her interest

Almost 3 years old,  
my child still:

- ★ Falls frequently or cannot walk on stairs by himself
- ★ Shows no interest in other children
- ★ Does not participate in pretend play
- ★ Does not draw vertical and horizontal lines
- ★ Does not use eating utensils ( such as spoon)
- ★ Shows extreme difficulty in separating from caregiver in most situations
- ★ Fails to understand simple instructions e.g. "Go to the room and take the coat"



Almost 4 years old,  
my child still:

- ★ Has difficulty in following adults' daily instructions
- ★ Appears clumsy in manipulating simple eating utensils such as spoon or fork
- ★ Does not speak in sentences
- ★ Has unclear articulation that is difficult to be understood
- ★ Still clings and cries excessively whenever you (or the main caregiver) leaves him/her
- ★ Shows excessive or persistent aggressive behaviour
- ★ Shows no interest in playing with others; ignores other children and prefers playing on his/her own
- ★ Has learning or behavioural problems at school



- ★ Shows excessively aggressive behaviour
- ★ Is excessively timid, fearful, or emotionally labile
- ★ Cannot follow instructions at home or in school
- ★ Cannot relate simple events
- ★ Cannot speak in adult-like sentences
- ★ Is easily distracted and inattentive when compared to others in class
- ★ Shows little interest in other children and not joining in games
- ★ Appears clumsy in physical activities
- ★ Shows definite problem in learning concepts
- ★ Appears clumsy in pencil skill or in using simple tools
- ★ Has other learning or behavioural problems at school

Already 5 years old,  
my child still:



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