



4 to 7 Months

MOVEMENT

- Pushes up on extended arms (5 mos)
- Pulls to sitting with no head lag (5 mos)
- Sits with support of own hands (5-6 mos)
- Grasps feet (6 mos)
- Uses raking grasp (not pincer) (6 mos)
- Supports whole weight on legs (6-7 mos)
- Transfers objects from hand to hand (6-7 mos)
- Sits unsupported for short periods (6-8 mos)

VISUAL

- Tracks moving objects with ease (4-7 mos)
- Looks for toy beyond tracking range (5-6 mos)
- Grasps objects dangling in front of body (5-6 mos)
- Looks for fallen toys (5-7 mos)

LANGUAGE

- Responds to sound by making sounds (4-6 mos)
- Uses voice to express joy and displeasure (4-6 mos)
- Distinguishes emotions by tone of voice (4-7 mos)
- Syllable repetition begins (5-7 mos)

COGNITIVE

- Explores with hands and mouth (4-7 mos)
- Struggles to get objects that are out of reach (5-7 mos)
- Finds partially hidden objects (6-7 mos)

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Enjoys social play (4-7 mos)
- Responds to other people's expression of emotion (4-7 mos)
- Interested in mirror images (5-7 mos)

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

- Seems to have very stiff, tight muscles
- Seems very floppy, like a rag doll
- Head still flops back when body is pulled to sitting position (by 5 months still exhibits head lag)
- Shows no affection for the person who cares for them
- Doesn't seem to enjoy being around people
- One or both eyes consistently turn in or out
- Does not respond to sound around them
- Has difficulty getting objects to mouth
- Does not turn head to locate sounds by 4 months
- Cannot sit with help by 6 months (not by themselves)
- Does not laugh or make squealing sounds by 5 months
- Does not actively reach for objects by 6 months
- Does not follow objects with both eyes
- Does not bear some weight on legs by 5 months