



# I'm not even born yet but I love your voice

Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Development



# Your baby can do all these things while still inside your womb:

- hear from 23 weeks
- begin to think from 28 weeks
- recognise your voice and those of other familiar adults
- move their body in rhythm to your speech
- feel comforted by familiar voices
- respond to loud or unexpected noises; for example kicking
- develop their first music preferences
- taste some foods you eat; for example vanilla, garlic or mint
- use facial expressions in response to different sensations; and
- experience your emotions through hormones that enter through the placenta.

# Helpful hints for new babies

I love to hear sounds and especially love to look at your face as you talk to me.

Say my name a lot and talk to me about what you are doing.

I love having a special quiet time with you.



I love it when you sing gently to me. It is soothing to hear your voice.

Talk to me in whichever language feels comfortable for you.

Touch and stroke me as you talk to me.

If you have any questions or any concerns about your baby's communication, please contact your Health Visitor.

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