



## Stages of Vocal Development

Infants will go through the following stages as they develop the ability to produce and control vocalizations while transitioning into actual words.

<p><b>2 - 4 MONTHS</b></p>	<p><b>Cooing:</b> These are the sounds babies make when they are happy (oohs &amp; ahhs, goos &amp; gahs)</p>
<p><b>4 - 6 MONTHS</b></p>	<p><b>Laughter:</b> Your baby starts to giggle.</p> <p><b>Vocal Play:</b> Your baby explores his mouth with his tongue, creating sounds like squeals, raspberries, and clicks.</p> <p><b>Early Babbling:</b> Your baby initiates sound play by combining consonants (p, t, k, b, d, g) with vowels (ba, pa).</p>
<p><b>6 - 8 MONTHS</b></p>	<p><b>Reduplicative Babbling:</b> Baby uses the same series of consonant-vowel or vowel-consonant syllables (bababa).</p>
<p><b>8 - 10 MONTHS</b></p>	<p><b>Nonreduplicative Babbling:</b> Consonants and vowels may differ from one syllable to the next (ba-ga-ba-ka)</p>
<p><b>10 - 12 MONTHS</b></p>	<p><b>Jargon:</b> Baby uses conversational intonations which start to sound like adult speech without real words.</p> <p><b>Word Approximation:</b> Sounds that are consistently used to label specific items (“da” means down).</p>