

Developmental Index of Audition and Listening (DIAL)

Age Group	Specific Age	Milestone
Infant		
	0-28 days	startle response; attends to music and voice, soothed by parent's voice; some will synchronize body movements to speech pattern; enjoys time in "en face" position; hears caregiver before being picked up
	1-4 months	looks for sound source; associates sound with movement; enjoys parent's voice; attends to noise makers; imitates vowel sounds
	4-8 months	uses toys/objects to make sounds; recognizes words; responds to verbal commands -bye bye; learning to recognize name; plays with noise makers; enjoys music; enjoys rhythm games
	8-12 months	attends to TV; localizes to sounds/voices; enjoys rhymes and songs; understands NO; enjoys hiding game; responds to vocal games (e.g., So Big!!)
Toddler		
	1 year	dances to music; sees parent answer telephone/doorbell; answers to name call; attends to books
	2 years	listens on telephone; dances to music; listens to story in group; goes with parent to answer door; awakens to smoke detector; attends to travel activities and communication
Preschool		
	3 years	talks and listens on telephone; sings with music; listens to books on tape; smoke detector means danger; enjoys taped books; attends to verbal warnings for safety
	4 years	telephone play; attends movie theatre; dance/swim lessons; watches TV/videos with family neighborhood play
	5 years	music lessons; attends to children's service in church; learns to ride bike; plays at playground at a distance from parent
Early School Age		
	6-8 years	uses telephone meaningfully; enjoys walkman/headphones; uses alarm clock independently; responds to smoke detector independently
Late Elementary		
	8-10 years	uses television for entertainment & socializing; attends to radio; responds to sirens for street safety; participates in clubs and athletics; enjoys privacy in own room; enjoys computer/audio games; plays team sports
Middle School		
	10-14 years	uses telephone as social vehicle; attends movies/plays; develops musical tastes; watches movies/TV with friends
Older Adolescent		
	14-18 years	goes to dances; begins driving (e.g., needs to hear sirens/turn signal); participates in school groups/clubs; employment/ ADA
	18-22 years	employment/career decisions; travels independently; listens in college lecture halls/classrooms; participates in study groups/extra curricular activities