

Ways to praise: Babies and infants

Age	Developmental milestone examples	Praise example
1 – 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smile - Lifting head - Looks towards sounds - Coos, makes sounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nice smiling - Great work lifting your head/ you are doing such a great job holding your head up - Good looking - Great talking
3-6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plays with others - Rolls over - Sits without support - Responds to own name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I love playing with you/ you are so good at (rolling that ball/shaking that rattle) - Wow good rolling - Amazing sitting - Good looking
6-9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn taking - Crawls - Stands - Babbles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good sharing/ thank you for letting me play - Amazing crawling / you are so good at crawling - Great standing / wow good job standing - Good talking
9-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responds when spoken too - Uses simple gestures (e.g., wave) - Walks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good listening - Great waving - Amazing walking

Note. These milestones are examples and represent overall age trends. Differences exist in the age that each milestone is attained.