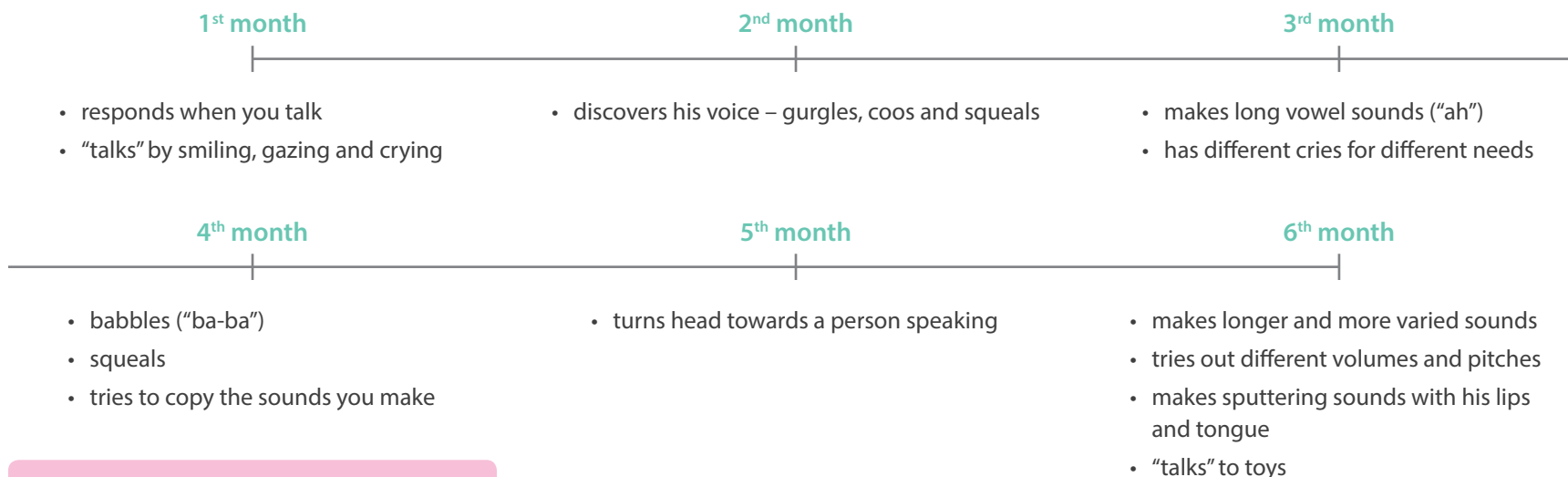


Language Development

Your baby first “talks” to you by crying. He then learns to make sounds and smile. Eventually he’ll start to use words.



SEEK CARE

Are you concerned about your baby’s development? Remember – every child is unique. But talk with your health care provider if your baby:

- has a very stiff or floppy body
- doesn’t watch faces by 2 to 3 months
- is unusually quiet and still, or can never settle
- doesn’t react to loud noise
- holds his hands in tight fists
- doesn’t follow activities with his eyes
- doesn’t recognize you
- doesn’t make sounds
- has a lot of trouble feeding



KEY TAKEAWAY

Talk to your baby all the time and respond whenever he communicates with you.



DID YOU KNOW

You can talk to your baby in whatever language you feel most comfortable. In fact, your baby can learn more than one language without getting confused.



BRAIN BUILDER

- Read, tell stories and sing to your baby.
- When you’re bathing or diapering him, chat with him about what you’re doing.
- Try to let him see your face when you’re talking.
- Repeat and respond to his coos and babbles.