

# INFANT LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

## **0-3 Months**

- Makes cooing and gurgling sounds
- Reacts to loud noises or sudden sounds
- Cries differently for different needs (hunger, sleep)
- Smiles at people and recognizes familiar voices

## **4-6 Months**

- Babbles with expression (p, b, m sounds)
- Makes sounds to show pleasure or displeasure
- Responds to changes in the tone of your voice
- Notices toys that make sounds

## **7-12 Months**

- Uses long strings of babbling (dada, mama, baba)
- Uses gestures to communicate (waving, reaching)
- Imitates different speech sounds
- Understands simple words like "no," "cup," or "bye-bye"

## **12-18 Months**

- Says 2 to 3 clear words besides "Mama" or "Dada"
- Follows simple one-step directions
- Points to objects or pictures when named
- Shakes head "no" or nods "yes"

Note: Every child develops at their own pace. This chart is for educational reference only.