At 12 months, children can usually:

- understand about 10 words
- respond to their name
- recognise greetings and gestures, such as ‘hi’ and ‘bye-bye’
- recognise a few familiar people and objects (e.g., mummy, blankie, teddy)
- make eye contact.

When you talk to me, WAIT for me to respond before you say more.

- start to use sounds, gestures, and say a few words
- continue to babble
- copy different sounds and noises.

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