

# May is Speech and Hearing Month

Speak well. Hear well. Live well.

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**Hi Friends!**  
I'm Simon the Owl  
and I care about  
communication!



## 18 to 24 months

- You understand more words than you can say.
- You ask simple questions (e.g. What's that?)
- You take turns in a conversation.
- You follow simple directions.

## 12 to 18 months

- You use common words and are starting to put words together.
- You enjoy listening to storybooks.
- You point to body parts or pictures in a book when asked.



## 7 to 12 months

- You wave hi/bye.
- You respond to your name.
- You use sounds and/or actions to let people know what you want.
- You turn and look in the direction of sound.



## 4 to 6 months

- You babble and make different sounds.
- You turn your eyes towards sounds, especially voices.
- You enjoy games like peek-a-boo.
- You respond to music or toys that make noise.



If you are concerned about a child's communication development, we encourage you to seek help. Visit [www.communicationhealth.ca](http://www.communicationhealth.ca) for more information and to find a speech-language pathologist or audiologist near you.



*Please note: communication develops over time and every child develops at his/her own rate. This growth chart outlines the ages at which most children will reach speech, language and hearing milestones. If a child does not develop one of the skills at the identified age range, it does not necessarily mean there's a problem.*