My Senses: Hearing

Introducing new words and sounds can happen anytime! Sharing the sounds of the world around you by singing, talking, reading and playing is fun. This interaction can help your baby hear the smaller sounds that make up words. Learning to distinguish these smaller sounds helps children later, when beginning to read.

- Take time to have conversations with your child. Talk directly to your child, looking at their face. Then, pause, to help your baby to learn that now it is THEIR time to talk. Soon, your child will realize this is how conversations work, and they will start cooing or sharing babbling sounds with you.
- Sing the same songs often (doing them with actions, if possible), and watch your baby. Your child will let you know which songs are their favorites by their body movements. Singing songs slows speech, helping your baby hear the words clearly.
- Be willing to read the same books over and over again. Baby is learning through hearing those words and connecting them with the pictures they see on the pages.
- Every walk and every place becomes an opportunity to hear new sounds. By pointing out different sounds, you’ll increase your child’s understanding of their world. Take a walk in the park, and point out sounds of birds, dogs, ducks, cars, airplanes, and people talking.

More Books

- The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O’Connell
- Good-night, Owl! by Pat Hutchins
- Hello Day! by Anita Lobel
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Eric Carle
- Roar! A Noisy Counting Book by Pamela Duncan Edwards

Rhyming Fun

Tick tock, Tick tock, (Rock baby back and forth)
I’m a little cuckoo clock
Tick Tock, Tick tock, Now it’s 1 o’clock.
CUCKOO! (Lift baby up)

Tick tock, Tick tock, (Rock baby back and forth)
I’m a little cuckoo clock.
Tick Tock, Tick tock, Now it’s 2 o’clock.
CUCKOO! CUCKOO! (Lift baby up 2 times)

Tick tock, Tick tock, (Rock baby back and forth)
I’m a little cuckoo clock.
Tick Tock, Tick tock, Now it’s 3 o’clock.
CUCKOO! CUCKOO! CUCKOO! (Lift baby up 3 times)

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