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How Our Hearing Changes As We Grow

Read this page to learn how hearing changes.

A child's hearing changes a lot until he is 4 to 8 years old. Your child can hear things even before he's born. After he's born, here's how his hearing changes:

At birth:

- Responds to loud noises
- Turns to the sound of his parents' voice

3 to 6 months:

- Can hear softer sounds
- Can tell one sound from another
- Still can't hear all sounds



Read these pages, too:

- [Causes of Hearing Loss](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/causes/)
(<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/causes/>)
While a child's hearing system is developing, it can be hurt by many things. Find out what they are on this page.
- [Signs of Hearing Loss](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/signs.jsp)
(<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/signs.jsp>)
This page tells you what to look for to see if your child can hear normally.

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<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearing/change.jsp>