

# BABY'S 1ST YEAR

## 6-9 MONTHS

### Visual

- In the second half of their first year, the whole world becomes more three dimensional to babies now that their eye development continues to improve

### Auditory

- Babies start to be able to identify different rhythm & sound patterns
- Around 6 months, babies will turn in the direction that their name is called

### Motor

- Babies now have improved grip strength that allows them to play with more toys on their own
- They begin to bang blocks together to create fun & loud sounds
- Babies enjoy experimenting with dropping items & picking them back up
- They will also start trying to pinch things with just their thumb & index finger

### Oral

- Teething will continue throughout these months
- Their front teeth will start to grow in around 7 months
- Around 8 months old, babies begin to master the art of blowing and sucking air to create new sounds

### Gross Motor

- At 6 months, babies will often be able to sit independently for brief periods of time
- Around 7 months, babies will start trying to walk with the assistance of their parents
- 8 month old babies may begin to crawl & start attempting to stand while holding onto things



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