

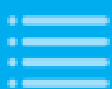


Why test Joint Attention?



This activity tests your baby's ability to **ask for for things** and respond to requests from others. This is another form of **Joint Attention**.

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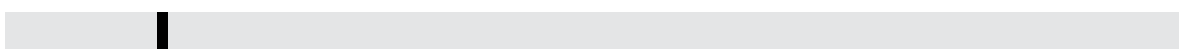
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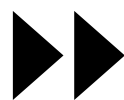
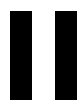
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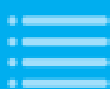
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What will you need?



For this test, you'll need a large plastic jar with a lid and two **wind-up toys** that will fit inside.

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Is baby ready?



Baby's mood will influence the results. Be sure he:

- is full and happy
- is well rested
- has a dry diaper

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Time to test!

- 1.** Place two small wind-up toys in a jar and seal. Settle baby in front of table.
- 2.** Unscrew the lid and empty out the toys onto table in front of baby. Quickly remove the toys before baby can play with them.
- 3.** Return toys to jar and seal tightly enough that baby will not be able to remove lid.
- 4.** Hand the jar to baby and wait 10 secs. or until baby gives back the jar.
- 5.** Remove one toy from jar, put it on the table and start it. When it stops ask baby for the toy back.

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What did you see?

Baby returned the jar to you, showing ability to request, ie "I want one of the toys". Baby also gave toy back when asked.

Baby didn't return jar or toy or show interest.





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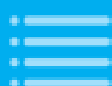


Good job!

Your baby seems to
understand requesting and
responding to requests.

No need to repeat
this test.

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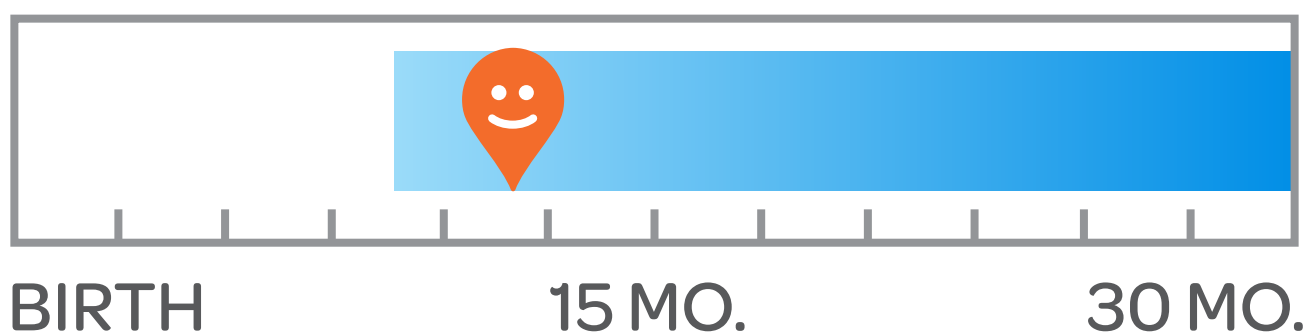


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Didn't respond?

Joint Attention Range: 8-30 mo.



Don't worry! Not all babies develop at the same rate.

Try giving baby an interesting toy and ask "May I have it back?".

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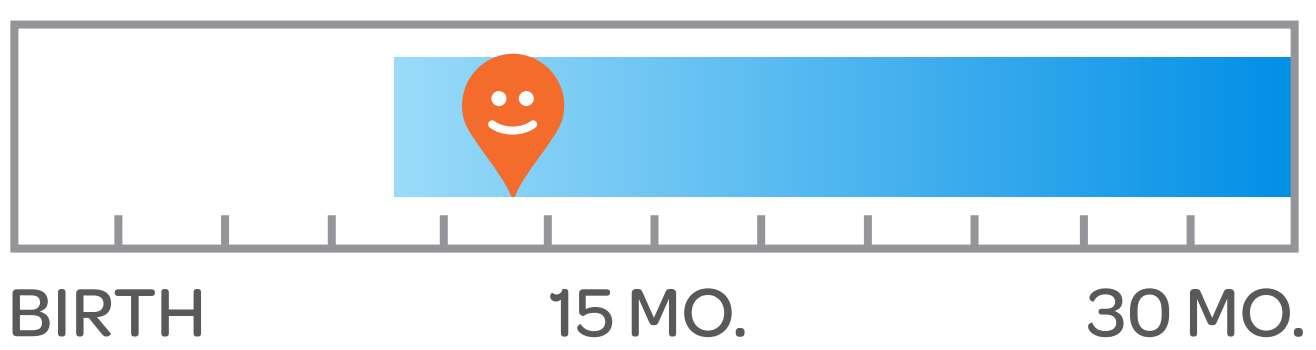


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Don't worry! Your baby may be a bit young for this test.

Try this test again in a month.

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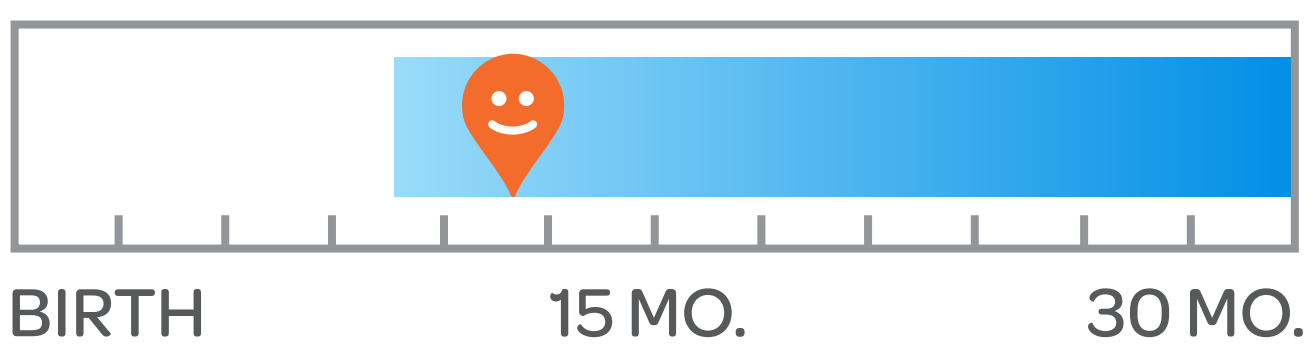
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If baby continues to ignore your requests and does not make requests of her own, **repeat and record test to show your pediatrician.**

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What does this mean?

Typically, developing children are able to initiate behavioral requests and engage with an adult.

Persistent lack of joint attention ability past 30 months can be an early indicator for autism .

If baby continues to fail the test, please check with your pediatrician.

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