



# Natural Actions and Gestures

## 16 gestures by 16 months

Children naturally use gestures starting around 9 months. The development of gestures predicts a child's language skills 2 years later.

Specific gestures will depend on your family and culture and the gestures that you have used around your baby. We know that all toddlers should have **16 gestures by 16 months**.

**Gestures may develop in the order below:**

9 months	Shakes head "no" Gives
10 months	Reaches Raises arms
11 months	Shows you something Waves
12 months	Points with open hand or taps to tell you something
13 months	Claps Blows kiss
14 months	Points with index finger
15 months	Nods head "yes"
16 months	Other symbolic gestures like "shrugs shoulders", "high 5"



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