at 6 months:
• respond to sounds around him?
• respond when his name is called?
• smile back when you smile at him?
• show an interest in watching people's faces?
• make babbling sounds?
• try to communicate through sounds and gestures?
• imitate familiar movements?

at 1½ years:
• use simple gestures, such as shaking head for “no”?
• enjoy exploring new things?
• play appropriately with toys?
• enjoy playing with other children?
• say simple words like 'mama'?