

# HEAR. LISTEN. YARN.

## Ask about listening and talking checks for bubs

Little bubs often have ear and hearing trouble and it can be tricky to tell if your bub has a problem.

Have a yarn with a health or childcare worker today about how their listening and talking skills are growing using the PLUM and HATS.

For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bubs, ear and hearing trouble starts before they turn two. It's a time when bub is learning to listen, yarn and communicate. These skills are important for building relationships, learning culture and learning in school.

It can be hard to tell if bub's listening and talking skills are growing well. The PLUM and HATS are a new way of checking those skills in bubs under 6 years. They are a simple yarn with a health or childcare worker.

### What kind of questions are included in the PLUM and HATS checks?

- When it's quiet and you call your child, and they can't see you, do they hear you?
- Does your child turn to where familiar voices or sounds are coming from?  
e.g. someone talking on the other side of the room.

To find out more, ask your health or child care professional or go to [plumandhats.nal.gov.au](http://plumandhats.nal.gov.au)



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