

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**1.** Click on the child's age group **2.** Ask the parent/caregiver how often they see their child doing the five things in this section: 'not yet/a little', 'sometimes' or 'always/a lot' - Click on the best option **3.** Check that you have clicked on an answer for each of the 5 questions to get the total score **4.** Scroll down to the scoresheet to interpret the results.

## 4 - 6 MONTHS



Does your child react to loud sounds or toys that make sounds?  
e.g. turns to sound, startles, opens eyes wide

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child show you they can hear your voice?  
e.g. looks at you, turns to voice

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child make sounds to show that they are happy?  
e.g. giggles, squeals

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child respond with their voice when you talk to them? e.g. coos, squeals

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child make different sounds or babble?  
e.g. ba, ma

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

## 7 - 12 MONTHS



Does your child turn to where familiar voices or sounds are coming from? e.g. someone talking on other side of room

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child understand words you say a lot?  
e.g. bye-bye, up, ta

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child use gestures to communicate?  
e.g. waves, or points to show you things

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child 'take turns', where you talk and they respond with their voice?

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child make sounds that are like talking?  
e.g. mama, bibibi, dadadada

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

## 1 YEAR



Does your child understand simple instructions?  
e.g. 'sit down' or 'kiss now'

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child understand simple questions, like 'where is your nose?' or 'who's that?'

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child enjoy playing games and taking turns with you? e.g. peekaboo, rolls a

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child copy words, or sing along to songs?

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT



Does your child say some words?  
e.g. mum, bye, more

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

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## 2 YEARS



Does your child understand instructions, like 'give me your shoe?' or 'point to your nose?'

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child listen to simple stories and understand what's happening?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child enjoy pretend play? e.g. feeds a teddy or a doll, pretends to talk on the phone

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child say two words at a time? e.g. 'doggie gone' or 'where nana'

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Do family or close friends understand what your child says?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

## 3 YEARS



Does your child respond when you call their name, even when they can't see you?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child answer questions like 'what do you want for lunch?' or 'who came yesterday?'

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child tell you simple stories they know?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child talk about what they are doing, using sentences like 'look mum I'm jumping high!'

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Do people who don't know your child understand what your child says?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

## 4 & 5 YEARS



Does your child follow long instructions like 'brush your teeth and then choose a story'?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child understand when you read them a story? e.g. asks questions or guesses what's going to happen

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child start or join in conversations? e.g. take turns talking

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Does your child make up simple stories, or talk about what they did during the day? e.g. what they did at preschool

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT



Do most people understand what your child says?

0 NOT YET / A LITTLE 5 SOMETIMES 10 A LOT

TOTAL SCORE:

QUESTION	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SCORE						



## HATS Scoring and Interpretation

All Ages

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Person administering: \_\_\_\_\_

Administer and score the HATS according to the directions in the step by step guide.

### HATS

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the child's total HATS score in the chart below.

0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
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### HATS INTERPRETATION

Score in the white area: Communication skills are not yet on track. Refer to a Speech Pathologist.

Score in the shaded area: Communication skills are in the borderline range. Reassess in 3 months.

Score in the black area: Communication skills are **on track**. Reassess in 1 year. Earlier if there are concerns.

Provide home strategies to help develop communications skills.

If the parent/carer is worried about their child's language and communication skills, refer to a Speech Pathologist.

### Follow-up actions required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No further action at this time | <input type="checkbox"/> Reassess in ____ months    | <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Speech Pathology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Audiology             | <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Hearing Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                     |