A Glimpse of our 16 Gestures by 16 Months



Research shows the development of gestures predicts language skills 2 years later. Children should be using at least 2 new gestures each month from 9 to 16 months. By 16 months, children should have at least 16 gestures. Click on each of the ages below to see the photos of the new gestures each month in the Lookbook.

9 Months: Give, Shake head



11 Months: Show, Wave







12 Months: Open hand, Point, Tap

13 Months: Clap, Blow a kiss

14 Months: Index finger point, Shhh gesture







15 Months: Head nod, Thumbs up, Hand up

16 Months: Other symbolic gestures







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Learn the Milestones that Matter Most.