## SureStart Talking Matters

Name..... Date.....

	Social Skills	Play & General Learning skills	Listening & understanding	Expressive skills
Usually acquired by 3 months	Briefly looks at people Follows a moving person with their eyes Smiles and coos in response to another persons smile or voice Gets excited when a caregiver approaches Shows awareness of strange and unfamiliar situations Has different cries for tiredness, hunger and pain	Clenches or opens hand if it is touched Will grasp an object when it's placed in their hand Reaches for object but misses	Startles to a loud soundStops crying at the sound of a familiar, friendly voiceMoves eyes towards a soundMouths some objectsListens to musicListens to a conversation between others	Blows bubbles    □      Single syllables ga, ba    □      Coos and gurgles    □      Some variety in non-crying sounds    □
Usually acquired by 6 months	Fixes gaze on a face	Puts objects in mouth to explore       Image: Comparison of the second	Anticipates feeding at sight of bottle Recognises spoon or bottle Turns towards different sounds e.g. rattle, bell Appears to recognise own name	Babbles using a vowel/ consonant/vowel combination e.g. aga, abaIVocalises pleasure and displeasureIStops vocalising when an adult enters a roomISelf initiates vocal playICoos, chuckles, gurglesIBabbles to self and othersIBabbling shows pitch and intonationI