How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child’s development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by the end of 9 months. Take this with you and talk with your child’s doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

**What Most Babies Do at this Age:**

**Social/Emotional**
- May be afraid of strangers
- May be clingy with familiar adults
- Has favorite toys

**Language/Communication**
- Understands “no”
- Makes a lot of different sounds like “mamamama” and “bababababa”
- Copies sounds and gestures of others
- Uses fingers to point at things

**Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)**
- Watches the path of something as it falls
- Looks for things he sees you hide
- Plays peek-a-boo
- Puts things in her mouth
- Moves things smoothly from one hand to the other
- Picks up things like cereal o’s between thumb and index finger

**Movement/Physical Development**
- Stands, holding on
- Can get into sitting position
- Sits without support
- Pulls to stand
- Crawls