



**Did you know?**

By 3–4 weeks into pregnancy your baby’s brain begins to grow.

By 16 weeks your baby hears your voice.

By 17 weeks your baby’s brain has 1 billion brain cells.

By 30 weeks your baby can hear music and speech.

Your baby will begin to see before birth.

**What can you do now?**

Be ready to be your baby’s teacher.

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Every day find a quiet place to:

- talk, sing, and play music to your growing baby;
- do this in your own language.

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Talking and singing with your baby now will begin a close relationship. When your baby is born this relationship will be the best start for learning.

**Who can help?**

Your family and friends

Your local GP — contact number .....

Your midwife — contact number .....

Your local community worker — contact number .....

The Early Words website [www.earlywords.info](http://www.earlywords.info)

**Look for**

More tips at birth