

Baby's Talking Scenarios

What is the problem? “Look”, “Recognize” and/or “Respond”? What should you say or do?

1. Mother A has 3 children (all under the age of 5). As she waits for her appointment, her 2 month-old begins to kick and fuss a little. Mother A keeps arguing with her 4 year old daughter about a toy she has taken from her 2-year-old brother.

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2. Mother B is a first time mother with a 5-week-old baby. As she waits at the counter, her baby starts to root and make sucking noises. She tells you she thinks the baby is hungry and starts to bounce the baby vigorously.

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3. Mother C has a 3-week-old baby and a 4-year-old son. While talking to you during an appointment, the mother tells you with pride that her son just loves to play with the baby. You watch as the son puts his face very near the baby's face and the baby tries to turn away. The mother smiles and keeps talking to you.

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4. Mother D has a 4-month-old baby who has just been fed and is now trying to reach for anything nearby. During her appointment, you watch Mother D smile at her baby and hand her several small pieces of orange colored crackers as you talk. The baby drops most of them and reaches for other things. Mother D continues to hand the crackers to the baby.

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5. Father A is bottle-feeding a 3-month-old baby as he waits for an appointment. As you watch, the baby stops sucking and tries to turn his head away. The father jiggles the bottle until the baby starts sucking again and looks out the window.

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6. Father B is proud of his 2-month-old son. While waiting for his wife to finish her appointment, he talks about his son's interest in solid foods. He has been giving him "tastes" of table food because he can tell by the way the baby looks at food that he wants to eat more than just breast milk.

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7. Mother G has come to the desk to ask if she can get some help with breastfeeding. She tells you that her 7-day-old baby will not wake up to feed. You notice the baby is moving around in the car seat, his eyes are open and he is rooting.

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8. Mother H has a toddler and her large 3-month-old baby with her as she speaks with you about her toddler's diet and low weight gain. Mother H is worried about the toddler's lack of interest in food. She tells you that the baby is also a "very picky eater" who never finishes her bottles.

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9. Mother J tells you that she is thinking of weaning her large 3-week-old because she is "never satisfied" after breastfeeding. She tells you the baby will start to fuss a little and move around just a few minutes after each feeding. Mother J is sure she doesn't have enough milk even though the baby has gained plenty of weight.

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10. Mother L enters the clinic crying carrying a two-month-old baby, asleep, in a car seat. She tells you she is breastfeeding but wants some formula because her baby sleeps well during the day but is keeping her awake all night. After calming Mother L down, you determine the baby is waking up 2-3 times a night.

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