

CHARACTERISTICS OF MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Eyes are closed most of the time.
2. The mouth is active--yawns, sneezes, quivers, hiccups.
3. The entire body moves.
4. Breathing is irregular.
5. Lifts head briefly when lying on stomach.
6. Curls up in prenatal fashion.
7. Responds to loud noises.
8. Flinches at light.
9. Moro, Darwinian (grasping), and Babinski reflexes present at birth but disappear.
10. The head wobbles and jerks about if unsupported.

11. The more discomfort a baby feels, the more movements he/she makes.