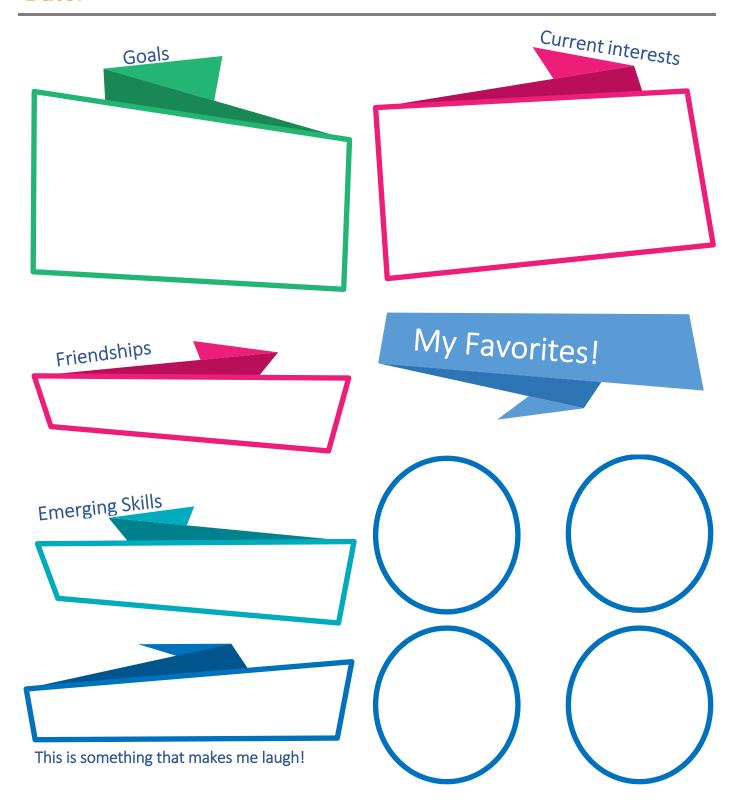
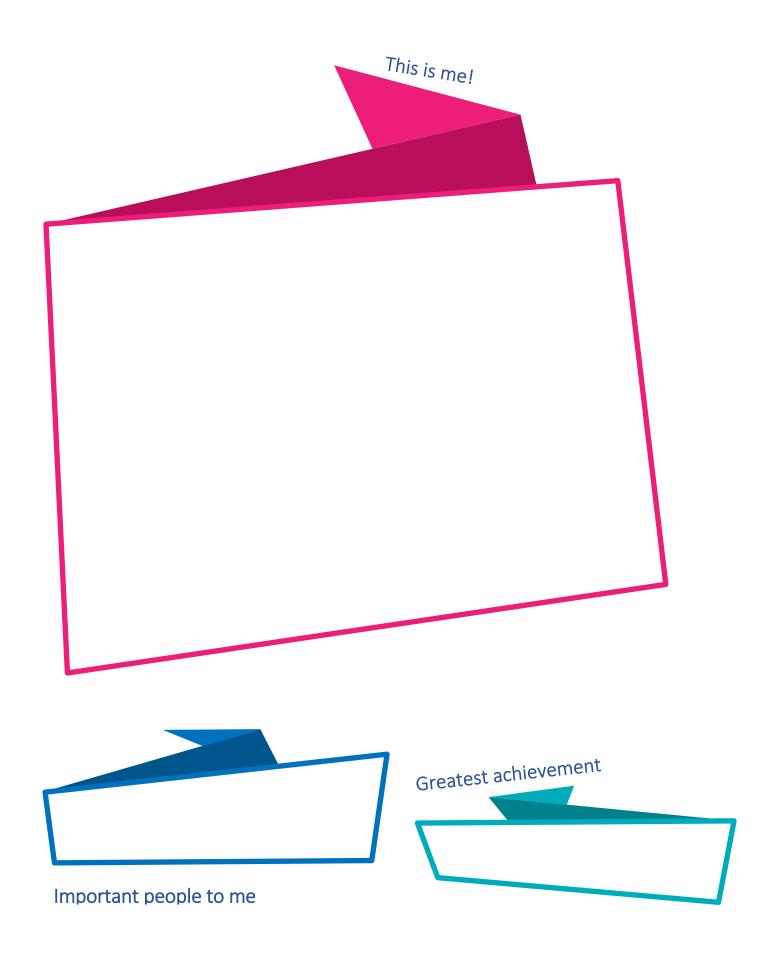


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Observations of developmental milestones help educators assess where each child is in terms of their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development and are designed to recognise the things that children can accomplish. This information can guide Educators in tailoring their activities and interactions to support each child's individual needs and abilities. Educators should complete these assessments for each child every 6 months.

## Developmental milestones and the EYLF/NQS 4 to 8 months

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA	OBSERVE	EXAMPLES OF LINKS TO EYLF/NQS
Physical	<ul> <li>□ plays with feet and toes</li> <li>□ makes effort to sit alone, but needs hand support</li> <li>□ raises head and chest when lying on stomach</li> <li>□ makes crawling movements when lying on stomach</li> <li>□ rolls from back to stomach</li> <li>□ reachs for and grasp objects, using one hand to grasp</li> <li>□ eyes smoothly follow object or person</li> <li>□ crawling movements using both hands and feet</li> <li>□ able to take weight on feet when standing</li> <li>□ watch activities across room - eyes move in unison</li> <li>□ turns head to sound of voices</li> </ul>	EYLF Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners - Children develop dispositions for learning such aspersistence E.g. "Persevere and experience the satisfaction of achievement." (p.34)  NQS: Areas 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Social	<ul> <li>□ reacts with arousal, attention or approach to presence of another baby or young child</li> <li>□ responds to own name</li> <li>□ smiles often and shows excitement when sees preparations being made for meals or for bath</li> <li>□ recognises familiar people and stretches arms to be picked up</li> </ul>	effective communicators - Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes. E.g. "are attuned and respond sensitively to children's efforts to communicate." (p.40)  NQS: Areas 1, 5
Emotional	<ul> <li>becoming more settled in eating and sleeping patterns</li> <li>laughs, especially in social interactions</li> <li>may soothe self when tired or upset by sucking thumb or dummy</li> <li>begins to show wariness of strangers</li> <li>may fret when parent leaves the room</li> <li>happy to see faces they know</li> </ul>	EYLF Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity - Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect. E.g. "initiate one-to-one interactions with children, particularly babies and toddlers during daily routines." (p.24)  NQS: Areas 1, 4, 5, 6

## Developmental milestones and the EYLF/NQS 4 to 8 months continued

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA	OBSERVE	EXAMPLES OF LINKS TO EYLF/NQS
Cognitive	<ul> <li>swipes at dangling objects</li> <li>shakes and stares at toy placed in hand</li> <li>becomes bored if left alone for long periods of time</li> <li>repeats accidently caused actions that are interesting</li> <li>enjoys games such as peek-a-boo or pat-a-cake</li> <li>will search for partly hidden object</li> <li>able to coordinate looking, hearing and touching</li> <li>enjoys toys, banging objects, scrunching paper</li> <li>explores objects by looking at and mouthing them</li> <li>develops preferences for foods</li> <li>explores objects with mouth</li> <li>enjoys games such as peek-a-boo or pat-a-cake</li> <li>babbles and repeat sounds</li> <li>makes talking sounds in response to others talking</li> <li>copies sounds</li> <li>smiles and babbles at own image in mirror</li> <li>responds to own name</li> </ul>	EYLF Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners - Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity E.g. explore and "express wonder and interest in their environments" (p.34)  NQS: Areas I, 2, 3  EYLF Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators - Children interact verbally and non-verbally for a range of purposes. E.g. "engage in enjoyable interactions using verbal and non-verbal language."
		(p.40) <b>NQS: Areas I, 5</b>
Seek advice if:	<ul> <li>is not learning to make sounds</li> <li>is not responding to familiar faces</li> <li>is not learning to roll when playing on floor</li> <li>is not responsive to carers</li> <li>is not babbling and making sounds</li> <li>is not playing with feet/swapping objects between hands</li> </ul>	NQS: Areas I, 5, 6, 7