![MP900408979[1]]()

**REFLEXES**

Reflexes are a newborns \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These movements are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is, the baby has no control over them. Reflexes are important because they are a good indicator of a newborn’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These reflexes only last a short time; they are soon replaced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**MOTOR SKILLS**

Motor skill refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Motor skills are abilities that depend upon the use and control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A newborn has little control over his body. He must develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These develop with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. One of the first motor skills infants must acquire is control of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At birth, the head is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; the neck muscles are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Newborns progress from lifting their head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to lifting both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By three months they can hold their head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when in a seated position. Motor skills continue to develop in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_pattern. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been developed which illustrate normal development.

Small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Motor Skills: small number of muscles to make\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movement

![MP900427769[1]]()Large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Motor Skills: many muscles used to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movements

**REFLEXES IN INFANCY**

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| **REFLEX** | **DESCRIPTION** | **DURATION** |
| **SUCKING** | When a nipple or finger is inserted into the infant’s mouth, rhythmic sucking occurs. | Changes to voluntary sucking by 2 months |
| **ROOTING** |  |  |
| **PALMER GRASP** |  |  |
| **MORO/STARTLE** |  |  |
| **BABINSKI** |  |  |
| **TONIC NECK** |  |  |
| **STEPPING** |  |  |
| **RIGHTING** |  |  |
| **SWIMMING** |  |  |