

Count Your Baby's Movements

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Instructions:

After about 7 months or 28 weeks, most babies will move 10 times within 2 hours. Many will move 10 times in less than 1 hour.

You can easily count your baby's movements by sitting quietly with your hands on your tummy. It's best to avoid any distractions like work, talking on the phone or watching TV. Any movement that you feel counts as a "kick." If your baby seems quiet and isn't moving, have a glass of juice or milk, or try taking a short walk and try again.

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- 1. Note the time you start.
- 2. Place a check in the box after each movement.
- 3. Note the time you stop.
- 4. Bring this chart to your office visits.

Most babies will move 10 times in about the same amount of time each day.

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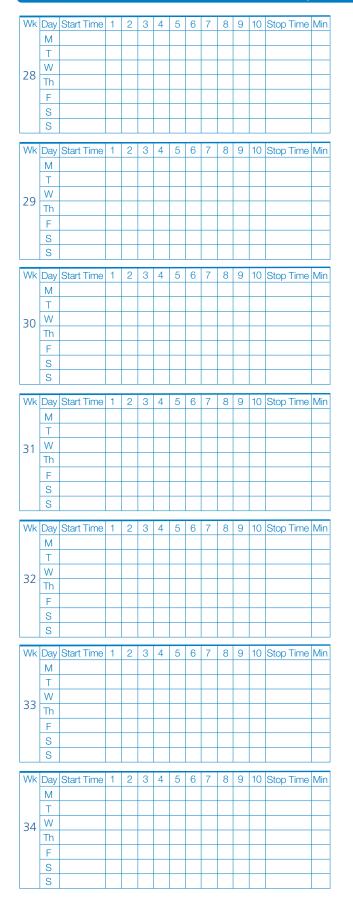
When to call your provider

- If your baby hasn't moved 10 times within 2 hours.
- You feel less movement than you usually do.
- You have any feeling of pressure or pain that comes and goes 5 or more times in one hour.

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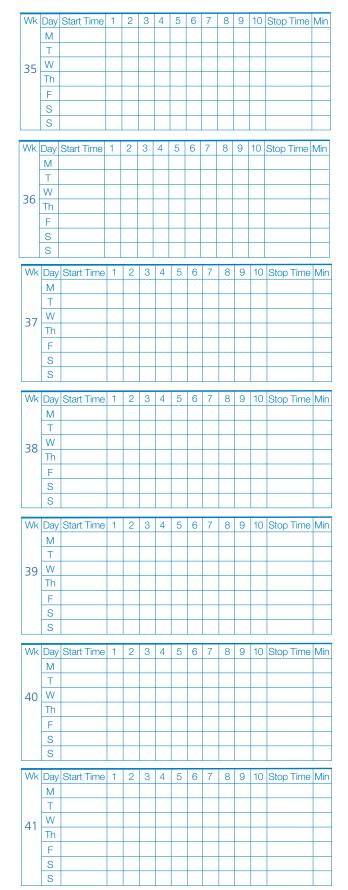
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Your Baby's Kick Count Record









Making time to count your baby's movements is a good way for you to take a little time for yourself. It's OK to put your feet up and relax. You deserve a break.