

Count to Ten Method

You should count how long it takes your baby to kick 10 times, starting with the first kick (so you know your baby is awake).

All movements count as a "kick" but don't count hiccups. Several movements at the same time count as one "kick." The quickest way to count kicks is to relax, lie or sit down and concentrate on feeling for kicks. It will take most mothers less than 15 minutes to count kicks this way.

When to contact your care provider:

- If your baby has not moved for an entire day, contact your care provider right away do not wait until the next day.
- If your baby kicked less and less in the course of a day/days, or if you feel too little activity
- If you felt less than ten kicks in 2 hours at a time of the day when your baby is usually active.

Kick Count Apps for iPad or iPhone

- SmileyApps Baby Kicks
- DeltaWorks Pregnancy Tracker
- Maxwell Software Baby Kicks Monitor

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