

# Kids ears are important!

## Pay attention to ear health



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When babies are born in the dry season this is also the time of the birth of the dragonfly, which hums and buzzes around the air excited about the birth of the new season. The grandmothers catch the dragonflies to test babies' hearing, making them buzz near the babies' ears. When a baby responds we know that they have good hearing, if not, the old ladies bring the dragonfly closer so the baby can feel the vibration and the sound of its wings, then she sings to the spirits and the dragonfly, "we all must look after this child together to help him to grow and be able to communicate". So if you see a dragonfly buzzing around a baby, it is just looking and checking the baby's response because that's what they do. In the past, everyone worked together - dragonflies, grandmothers and the spirits.



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