

# Boy's Weight-for-Age Chart

**Write on the chart**

- Any illness e.g. diarrhoea, ARI, etc.
- Admission to hospital.
- Solids introduced.
- Breastfeeding stopped.
- Birth of next child, etc.

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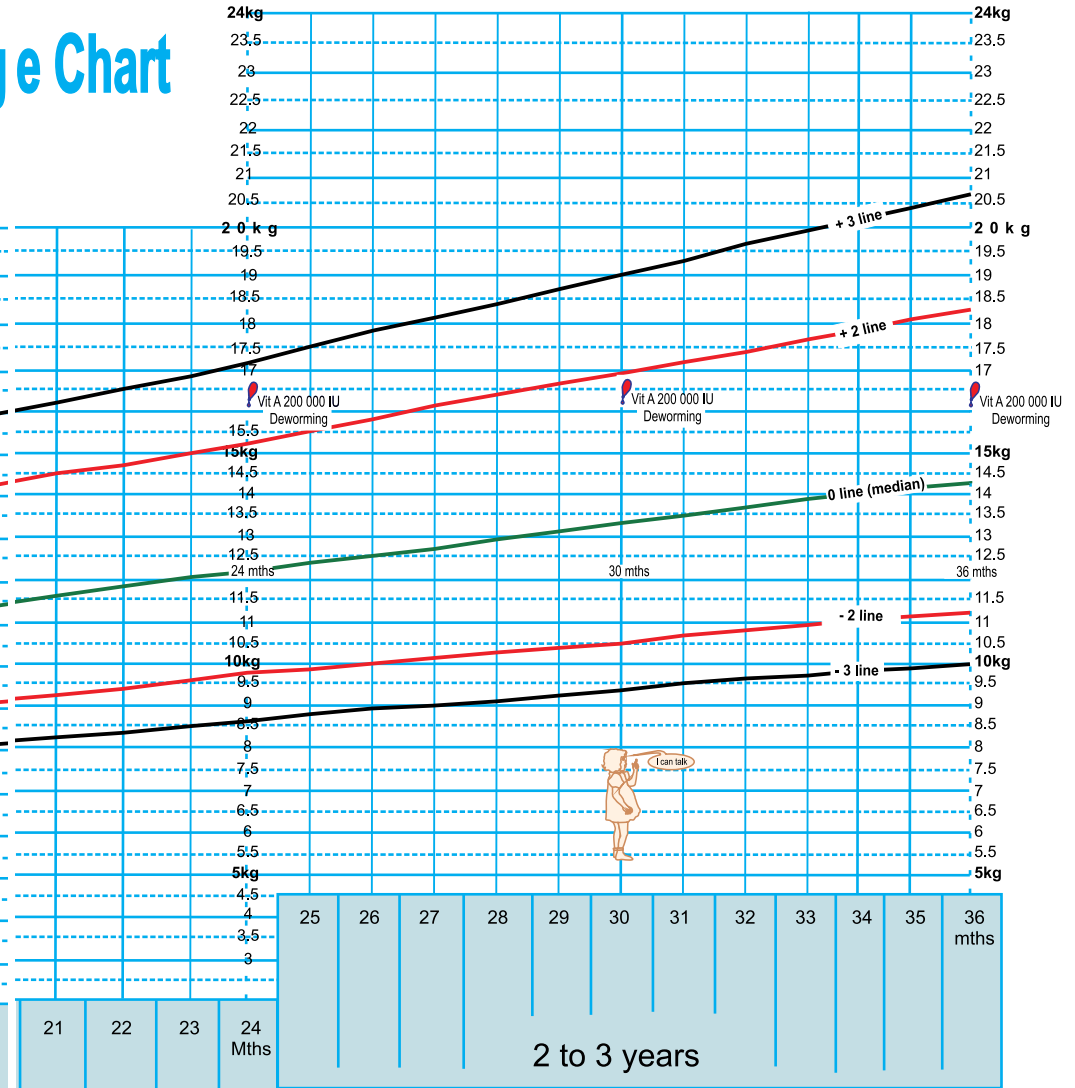
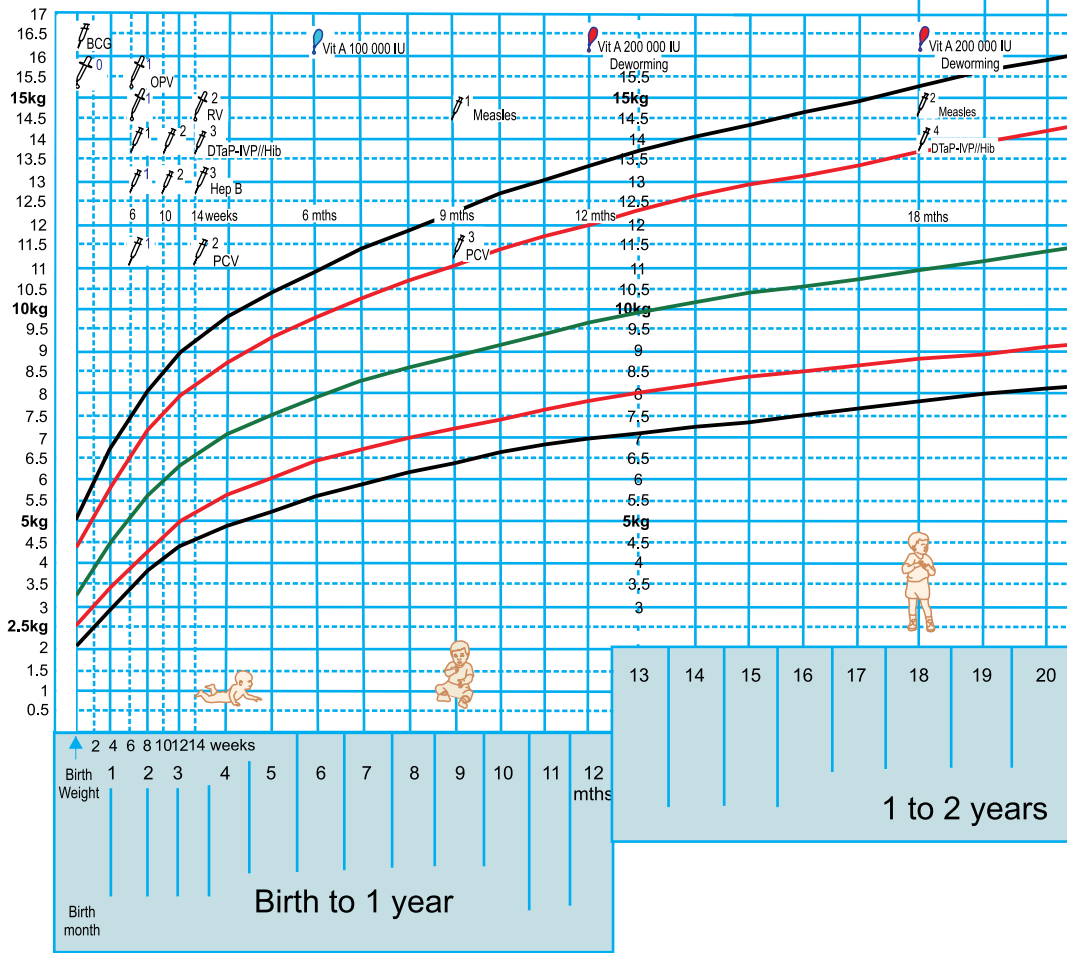
**Watch the direction of the curve showing the child's growth:**

**GOOD**  
Means the child is growing well.

**DANGER SIGN**  
Not gaining weight. Find out why.

**VERY DANGEROUS**  
Child may be ill, needs extra care.

Refer child to hospital



**Interpretation of lines:**

This Weight-for-Age Chart shows body-weight relative to age in comparison to the Median (0-line).

A boy whose weight-for-age is below the -2 line, is underweight. A boy whose weight-for-age is below the -3 line, is severely underweight. Clinical signs of Marasmus or Kwashiorkor may be observed.

If his line crosses a z-score line and the shift is away from the median, this may indicate a problem or risk of a problem.

If his line stays close to the median, occasionally crossing above or below it, this is fine.

