

Milestones & Warning Signs for Speech and Language Development

(Blue Print Indicates Warning Signs)

<p>First 3 months of life</p> <p>* does your child not react to sound?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • becomes startled at loud noises/soothed by calm voices • enjoys cuddling and being held • cries, gurgles, grunts, says 'ah' • strong cheek and tongue muscles
<p>4 months to 6 months</p> <p>*are any of these behaviours absent?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watches your face with interest as you talk • tries to communicate with you/smiles at you • coos and squeals for attention • has a unique cry when hungry
<p>6 months to 1st birthday</p> <p>*does your child have many ear infections?</p> <p>*does your child not babble?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understands some common words when used with gestures • attempts sounds and words: ba ba, na na • tries to sing along with radio/tv • laughs and may copy certain things
<p>Age 1 to 18 months</p> <p>*does your child not talk at all?</p> <p>*is your child not sociable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • says four words (not clearly) • understands simple questions • nods yes and shakes no • enjoys rhythm and likes to dance to music
<p>18 months to 2nd birthday</p> <p>*does your child use more gestures than words?</p> <p>*are you concerned about how your child can talk and/or understand words</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • says 10-50 words • says some 2 word sentences • recognizes and points to pictures • understands simple directions • asks for simple things
<p>Age 2 to 3rd birthday</p> <p>*does your child show frustration when trying to talk?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses 50-150+ words • uses 2- 3 words in a sentence • answers more complex questions • follows simple directions

<p>*do you have difficulty understand your child's speech? *does your child not put 2 words together?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understands most of what is said • understands questions about books "where was the bunny?"
<p>Age 3 to 4th birthday *is your child's speech difficult to understand? *are your child's skills not at the age level described above?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses 3-4 word sentences • uses nearly 1,000 words • asks many what, where, why questions • gives directions/asks for assistance • tells first and last name • follows 2 directions
<p>Age 4 to 5th birthday *does your child use incomplete sentences? *does your child stutter? *does your child not seem to follow directions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaks in complete/complex sentences • Describes objects and events • Gives definitions of certain words • Speaks sounds clearly except for l ,r ,s ,k , th, ch, sh • Follows 3 directions • Can define several colours