

Language Milestones Checklist

Milestones matter! How your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves offers important clues about their development. If your child is not meeting one or more milestones, has lost skills they once had, or you have other concerns, act early.

Child's Name |

Child's Age |


Today's Date |



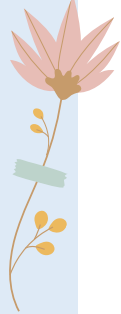
At 18 months:


- Say some words- these may only be understood by family members at this stage.
- Point to tell you what they see.
- Look at people and objects as you are naming them.
- Copy everyday sounds such as transport and animal sounds e.g. 'beep beep', 'neigh'.
- Sing along to songs that you both know.
- They might also be chatting to you in babble – don't worry; this is normal!

At 2 years:

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- Using around 50 words spontaneously. starting to join two words together e.g. "my teddy."
 - Understanding words and phrases without cues.
 - Using these sounds in their speech – p,b,t,d,n,m.
 - Using pretend play e.g. feeding dolls or teddies.

By 2.5 years:

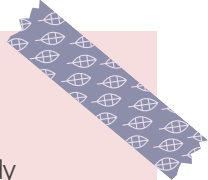
- Using a wider range of vocabulary.
 - Putting two words together to tell you things.
 - Understanding simple questions and instructions such as 'where's mummy's coat?'
 - Using the sounds p , b , t , d , n , m and w.
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At around 3 years:

- Starting to use 3 + words together to say what's happening.
- Using questions including 'where?', 'what?' and 'who?'
- Enjoying simple stories with pictures.
- Understand longer instructions, and responding to common action words and describing words.

By 4 years:

- Listen to longer stories and answer questions.
 - Understand and often use colour, number and time related words, for example, 'red' car, 'three' fingers and 'yesterday / tomorrow'.
 - Be able to answer questions about 'why' something has happened.
 - Use longer sentences and link sentences together.
 - Describe events that have already happened e.g. 'we went park.'
 - Enjoy make-believe play.
 - Start to like simple jokes.
 - Ask many questions using words like 'what' 'where' and 'why'.
 - Start to be able to plan games with others.
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