

Speech & Language Developmental Milestones 0-3 years

Every child's development is unique. This is a summary of speech and language milestones that's most children experience between 0-5 years.



Birth to 3 Months

- *Reacts to loud sounds*
- *Calms or smiles when spoken to*
- *Recognizes your voice*
- *Coos with pleasure*
- *Has special cry for different needs*
- *Feeding or sucking stops in response to sound*

4 to 6 Months

- *Follows sounds with eyes*
- *Notices toys that make sound*
- *Pays attention to music*
- *Babbles in a speech-like way*
- *Laughs*
- *Babbles when excited*
- *Responds to changes in your voice*

7 Months to 1 Year

- *Enjoys peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake*
- *Looks in the direction of sound*
- *Listens when spoken to*
- *Understands common words (cup, shoe, juice, mama, dada)*
- *Babbles to get and keep attention*
- *Imitates different speech sounds*
- *Has one or two words by 1st birthday (Dada, Mama, hi, dog)*

1 to 2 Years

- *Knows and points to a few body parts*
- *Follows simple commands*
- *Enjoys simple stories, songs, rhymes*
- *Points to pictures in books*
- *Acquires new words on a regular basis*
- *Uses one- or two-word questions (Kitty? Or Go bye bye?)*

2 to 3 Years

- *Has a word for almost everything*
- *Uses two- or three-word phrases to talk about and ask for things*
- *Uses k, g, f, t, d, and n sounds*
- *Speaks in a way that is understood by family members and friends*
- *Names objects to ask for them or to direct attention to them*

3 to 4 Years

- *Hears you call from another room*
- *Answers simple "Who?" "What?" "Where?" and "Why?" questions*
- *Talks about activities at daycare, preschool, or friends' homes*
- *Uses sentences with four or more words*
- *Speaks easily without repeating syllables or words*

4 to 5 Years

- *Pays attention to a short story & answers simple questions about it*
- *Hears and understands what is said*
- *Uses sentences that give details*
- *Tells stories that stay on topic*
- *Communicates easily with others*
- *Says most sounds correctly*
- *Names some letters and numbers*
- *Uses rhyming words*

If you ever have concerns about your child's development, contact your child's Physician. You can request a hearing screen or a speech language assessment.