

Simply Therapy Parent Check-List

How Well Does Your Child Listen & Speak?

Hearing & Understanding

Talking & Sound Production

3 Months

- Startles to loud sounds
- Recognizes familiar voices
- Calms to familiar/friendly voices

- Makes sounds that indicate pleasure (cooing)
- Uses different cries for different needs
- Smiles at familiar people

6 Months

- Looks in the direction of new sounds
- Responds to music
- Looks at the speaker's face when spoken to

- Vocalizes excitement and displeasure
- Babbles using many different sounds, including: /p/, /b/ and /m/
- Laughs

12 Months

- Plays games like patty-cake and peek-a-boo
- Responds to their name
- Understands the meaning of a few words, like 'mama,' 'bye bye' and 'no'
- Follows simple directions with gestures

- Uses 1-2 words around their first birthday
- Babbles long strings of consonants and vowels
- Uses gestures to communicate, such as pointing, waving or reaching up to be held
- Imitates different speech sounds

18 Months

- Points to a few body parts
- Attends to simple stories, songs, or rhymes
- Engages in appropriate play with toys, such as cars, balls, dolls, blocks, and stuffed animals

- Uses at least 10 words meaningfully and adds more words every month
- Produces at least 5 consonant sounds
- Uses 'no' and 'uh oh!'
- Responds to songs by trying to sing along or talk

2 Years

- Follows simple two step commands
- Performs simple actions when requested, such as: throw, run, jump, sit
- Puts different actions together during play, like feeding, dressing, stirring, pouring
- Comprehends 800-900 words

- Uses 50 words meaningfully
- Combines words to form short phrases, such as 'my shoe' or 'mommy go'
- Speech is understood by most familiar listeners
- Answers simple questions

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3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answers yes/no questions Understands simple size and color concepts Answers simple 'who' 'where' and 'what' questions Identifies simple actions in pictures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech is understood by most familiar and unfamiliar listeners Combines 3-4 words to form phrases Uses the consonants /b/, /p/, /m/, /n/, /d/, /t/, /h/ and /w/ Uses plurals and grammatical endings like -ing and -ed
4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listens to and enjoys longer stories Answers 'why' questions Hears and understands most everything that is said to them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses descriptive concepts Tells stories and stays on topic Names letters and counts to 10 Communicates easily with familiar and unfamiliar adults and children Uses the consonants /k/, /g/, /f/, and /v/.
5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attends to a story and answers questions Understands words that involve sequencing and time, like 'first,' 'after,' and 'tomorrow' Follows three step commands Understands rhyming words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can tell first and last name Uses adult-like grammar when talking Uses possessives Uses all speech sounds correctly with the exception of /l/ and /r/
<p>All speech sounds should be pronounced correctly by the age of 7</p>		

This chart represents the age at which most children master these speech and language milestones. Just because your child has not mastered all the skills within a particular age ranges does not mean your child has a disorder. If you have questions about your child's speech and language development, contact us for a free screening!

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