

# Speech and Language Ages and Stages

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## 10 months

- babble syllables such as “dadada” or “bababa”
- respond to his/her name
- make eye contact and laugh/smile when playing social games like peek-a-boo

## 12 months

- imitate sounds or simple words
- identify simple items from a group of objects
- seek attention by making sounds and pointing to desired objects
- follow simple 1-step directions (e.g., sit down)

## 18 months

- use at least 25 words consistently
- use at least 4 consonant sounds (e.g., p, b, m, n, h, t, d, k, g, w)
- identify body parts and clothing

## 2 years

- use at least 100 words
- combine 2 to 3 words into short phrases
- follow 2-step directions (e.g. “Go get your book and put it in your bag.”)

## 3 years

- have short conversations with adults and peers
- ask and answer “wh” questions
- engage in pretend and imaginative play with others

## 4 years

- follow 3-step directions (e.g., “Get your crayons, draw a picture, and give it to me.”)
- be easily understood by strangers or unfamiliar adults
- use complete sentences using adult-like grammar

**Seek help early if your child  
is not meeting these developmental milestones!**



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