

Language Development Chart

10 - 12 months

- Reaches for objects
- Points, waves, shows and gives objects
- Imitates and initiates gestures for social interactions and games like peek-a-boo
- Tries to copy sounds
- Likes dancing
- Responds to simple words and phrases such as "look at mommy"
- Says one or two words like mama, dada, or hi

13 - 18 months

- Looks around when asked "where" questions like "where's your blanket?"
- Follows directions like "Give me the ball" or "come here"
- Point to request, comment or get information
- Shakes head no and nods head for yes
- Understands and uses words for common objects, actions and people in their lives
- Identifies one or more body parts
- Uses gestures when excited such as clapping

19 - 24 months

- Uses and understands at least 50 words
- Puts two or more words together such as "more water" or "go outside"
- Follows two-step directions like "Get the spoon and put it on the table"
- Uses words like me, mine, and you
- Uses words to ask for help
- Uses possessives like "Daddy's sock"

2 - 3 years

- Tries to get attention by saying "Look at me!"
- Says their name when asked
- Uses plurals like "birds" or "toys"
- Uses -ing verbs like "eating"
- Uses -ed to talk about past tense like "played"
- Gives reasons for things like they need a jacket when it's cold outside
- Asks why and how
- Answers questions like "What you do when you are sleepy?"

3 - 4 years

- Compares things like "bigger" or "smaller"
- Tells you a story from a book or video
- Understands and uses location words such as inside, on, and under
- Uses words like a or the like "a book" or "the dog"
- Pretends to read along or with others
- Recognizes signs like STOP

4 - 5 years

- Produces grammatically correct sentences
- When retelling stories, includes main characters settings, and words like "and" to connect information
- Uses at least one irregular plural form like feet or men
- Understands and uses location words like behind, beside and between
- Uses word like yesterday and tomorrow correctly
- Follows directions and rules of games



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