

COMMUNICATION MILESTONES

ADAPTED FROM THE AMERICAN SPEECH-
LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

0 - 12 MONTHS

- Babbling and vocalizing.
- Uses sounds to get and keep attention.
- Uses gestures to communicate (waving, pointing).
- Imitates different speech sounds.
- Says 1 - 2 words (ex: hi, dada) by 12 mos.

1 - 2 YEARS

- Learns and uses a lot of new words.
- Starts to name pictures in books.
- Asks questions, like "What's that?", "Who's that?", and "Where's kitty?"
- Puts 2 words together, like "more apple," "no bed," and "mommy book."

2 - 3 YEARS

- Has a word for almost everything.
- Talks about things that are not in the room.
- Uses words like in, on, and under.
- Uses 2 or 3 word sentences.
- Asks "Why?"
- Familiar people can understand him.

3 - 4 YEARS

- Answers simple who-what-where ?s.
- Uses pronouns, like I, you, me, we, they.
- Uses some plural words, like toys, birds, and buses.
- Asks when and how questions.
- Uses 4 word sentences.
- Most people can understand him.

4 - 5 YEARS

- Talks without repeating sounds or words most of the time.
- Names letters and numbers.
- Uses sentences that have more than 1 action word, like jump, play, and get.
- Tells a short story.
- Keeps a conversation going.



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