

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE MILESTONES



From Birth Until 4-Years-Old

1 BIRTH-3 MONTHS

- Different cry sounds for different needs
- Cooing/ Gooing Sounds
- Recognizes your voice
- Reacts to you when you talk (e.g. smiles or becomes quiet)

2 4-6 MONTHS

- Looks in the direction of sounds
- Notices music and toys that make sounds
- Looks when you point
- Babbles (e.g. "ba" "pa")
- Laughs and giggles

3 7-12 MONTHS

- Imitates speech and non-speech sounds
- Babbles longer sounds (e.g. "bababa" "papapa")
- Imitates actions and gestures (e.g. waving goodbye)
- Looks when you point
- Will play games such as "peek-a-boo"
- Says 1-2 meaningful words (e.g. "hi", "dada", "mama")
- Understands simple phrases
- Recognizes words for common items



4 2-3 YEARS-OLD

- Repeats words overheard in conversation
- Points to pictures in books
- Can use 2-3 word sentences (e.g. "mommy look")
- Vocabulary of 50 words or more
- Can follow two step directions (e.g. "pick up toy and up it in basket")
- Uses Wh- questions such as "why?"

5 3-4 YEARS-OLD

- Uses 3-4 word sentences (e.g. "me go too")
- Vocabulary of 200 words
- Uses plural words and pronouns
- Groups objects together (e.g. animals)
- Able to identify some colors
- Answers simple questions
- Can be understood by others when they speak

