

5 Questions to Ask Yourself

To determine if your toddler needs a speech or language evaluation

Receptive Language

1-2 Year
Milestones

Expressive Language

12 – 18 Months

- Understands 200 words
- Words are understood outside of routine games
- Points to familiar or desired objects
- Follows 1-step commands
- Uses nouns, verbs, possessives (e.g., "mine", rejections (e.g., "no,"), and agents (e.g., names).

18 – 24 Months

- Understands words for objects out of sight
- Listens to simple stories
- Follows directions involving spatial concepts (in, on, under, etc.)

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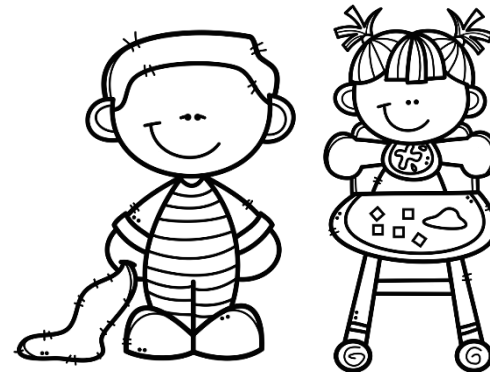
- Vocabulary size of 50-100 words by 18 months
- Vocalizes with gestures
- Answers, "what's this?"
- Asks for "more"
- Imitates words
- 2-word phrases emerging

18 – 24 Months

- Vocabulary size 200-300 words
- 2 word phrases predominant
- Answers yes/no
- Uses verbs and adjectives
- Refers to self by name
- Marks question with rising inflection

Ask Yourself...

- Are they doing _____ by this age?
- Do they have a way to request attention or request something that they want? (pointing, words, vocalizations, etc.)
- How many words do they say and are they producing new words consistently?
- Are they understanding what I say to them?
- What % of the time do I understand them and can others understand them?



Reference: Adapted from: Sax, N. and Weston, E. Language Developmental Milestones. University of Alberta, January, 2007.

thank you!

Credit to:



feedback is appreciated!

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