

5 Questions to Ask Yourself

2 - 3 year milestones

To check your toddler's speech & language milestones

Ask yourself...

- Can they follow simple, 2-step commands? (e.g., go to your room and get your shoes)
- Are they continuing to produce new words and combine 3-4 words in phrases?
- Are they producing early developing sounds consistently? (/p, b, m/)
- Can both you and others understand them between 50-75% of the time?
- Can they answer simple "what, where" questions?



Receptive Language:

- Understands "wh" questions
- Follows 2 step commands
- Knows descriptive concepts (short, tall, big small)
- Understands pronouns

Expressive Language:

- Combines 3-4 words
- Answers "wh" questions
- Uses possession
- Uses adverbs (here, now)
- Uses "is"
- Uses variety of grammatical endings

Speech Sound Development:

/p, b, m, h, n, w, b, k, g, d/

Speech Sound Intelligibility

50-75% Intelligible to both familiar and non-familiar listeners

Pragmatic Language:

- Watches other children and briefly joins in play
- Requests permission
- Uses language for jokes and teasing
- Makes conversational repairs when listener doesn't understand
- Plays house
- Participates in simple group activities
- Participates in simple make believe activities
- Holds up fingers to tell age
- Looks for missing toys

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