

LANGUAGE MILESTONES

1

One year old

- Babbles long strings of sounds (ba-ba-ba)
- Uses gestures like waving and reaching
- Follows the directions of your point
- Plays games like peek-a-boo
- Actively listens to songs and stories
- Says single words like: "Hi," "More," or "Uh-oh."

2

Two years old

- Puts two words together like: "More eat" or "Play bubbles"
- Asks questions such as: "Where's dada?"
- Responds to simple questions like: "Where are your shoes?"
- Points to pictures in a book when you name them
- Uses sounds p, b, m, h, and w

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Three years old

- Puts three words together
- Asks, "Why?"
- Follows two-step directions
- Uses prepositions such as: in, on, and under
- Uses sounds k, g, f, n, t

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Four years old

- Uses possessives and plurals
- Uses present progressive verb (e.g. *is running*)
- Identifies if words rhyme or don't rhyme
- Completely intelligible to unfamiliar people
- Tells multisentence stories about events that happened

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Five years old

- Uses sounds *ch*, *sh*, and *L*
- Correctly uses regular past tense (e.g. jumped)
- Answers why and how questions
- Uses comparative (e.g. bigger)
- Ends conversations appropriately



The milestones above are simply guidelines. If you have questions about your child's speech, language, play, or social develop, contact a certified speech language pathologist for a formal evaluation.