



## Milestones for Speech and Language

### **One to one and one-half years**

- Follows one-step commands
- Attends to pictures
- Responds appropriately to “Give me”
- Identifies up to four body parts on self or a doll
- Understands 50 words
- Gives objects upon request
- Uses single words, pointing and gestures to communicate
- Says 1 to 20 words (with a 10 to 20 word vocabulary by 18 months)
- Uses jargon
- Asks for “more”
- Consonants m-p-b-h-t-d-w-y are heard
- Makes 2 animals sounds
- May imitate words overheard in conversation

### **One and one-half to two years**

- Identifies up to six body parts
- Understands simple commands such as “stop that” and “come here”
- Choose one object from a group of five upon request
- Understands up to 300 words
- Shakes head to yes/no in response to simple questions
- Can identify 12 common objects
- Follows a two-step related command
- Master vowels
- Uses 20 to a least 50 single words
- Can produce two word phrases
- Imitates new words regularly
- Has a sentence-like intonation patters in jargon
- Asks questions by using a question inflection
- Says first name (or nickname) when asked

### **Two to two and one-half years**

- Understands concepts “big” and “little”
- Recognizes family member’s name
- Understands locations phrases
- Follows one and two step commands
- Can identify at least one color correctly
- Understands approximately 500 words
- Identifies common actions in pictures
- Uses 50 to 300 words
- Understands “one” and “all” concepts
- Identifies four common objects by their function
- May respond verbally to simple questions
- Uses tow to three word phrases frequently
- Asks for help
- Imitates two unrelated words upon request
- Uses pronouns “me” may use other e.g., “I”, “we”, “he”, “she”
- Speech intelligibility is 70%

### **Three to four years**

- Understands approximately 1,200 words
- Understands time concepts such as morning, lunch time, tonight
- Able to follow a simple plot in a children’s book
- Follows positional commands such as “put the clock under the chair”
- Understands and participates in short conversations
- Identifies colors and common shapes appropriately
- Expressive vocabulary is approximately 900 to 1,500 words
- Is able to tell a story
- Sentence length is between 4-5 words
- States first and last name when asked
- Asks many questions
- Uses plurals consistently
- Initiates conversations and comments
- Speech intelligibility is 100% even with errors present