

Language Development Chart

Age of Child	Typical Language Development
6 Months	<p>Vocalization with intonation</p> <p>Responds to his name</p> <p>Responds to human voices without cues by turning his head and eyes</p> <p>Responds appropriately to friendly and angry tones</p>
12 Months	<p>Uses one or more words with meaning (this may be a fragment of a word)</p> <p>Understands simple instructions, especially if vocal and physical clues are given</p> <p>Practices inflection</p> <p>Is aware of the social value of speech</p>
18 Months	<p>Has vocabulary of approximately 5-20 words</p> <p>Vocabulary made up chiefly of nouns</p> <p>Some echolalia (repeating of word or phrase over and over)</p> <p>Much jargon with emotional content</p> <p>Is able to follow simple commands</p>
24 Months	<p>Can name a number of objects common to his surroundings</p> <p>Is able to use at least two prepositions, usually chose form the following: in, on, under</p> <p>Combines words into a short sentence-largely noun-verb combinations (mean) length of sentences is given as 1-2 words</p> <p>Approximately 2/3 or what child says should be intelligible</p> <p>Vocabulary of approximately 150-300 words</p> <p>Rhythm and fluency often poor</p> <p>Volume and pitch of voice not yet well-controlled</p> <p>Can use two pronouns correctly: I, me, you, although me and I are often confused</p> <p>My and mine are beginning to emerge</p> <p>Responds to such commands as "show me your eyes (nose, mouth, hair)"</p>
36 Months	<p>Use pronouns I, you, me correctly</p> <p>Is using some plurals and past tenses</p> <p>Knows at least three prepositions, usually in, on, under</p> <p>Knows chief parts of body and should be able to indicate these if not name</p> <p>Handles three word sentences easily</p> <p>Has in the neighborhood of 900-1000 words</p> <p>About 90% of what child says should be intelligible</p> <p>Verbs begin to predominate</p> <p>Understands most sample questions dealing with his environment and activities</p> <p>Relates his experiences so that they can be followed with reason</p> <p>Able to reason out such questions as "what must you do when you are sleepy, hungry, cool, or thirsty?"</p> <p>Should be able to give his sex, name, age</p> <p>Should not be expected to answer all questions even though he understands what is Expected</p>
48 Months	<p>Knows names of familiar animals</p> <p>Can use at least four prepositions or can demonstrate his understand of their meaning when given commands</p> <p>Names common objects in picture books or magazines</p> <p>Knows one or more colors</p> <p>Can repeat 4 digits when they are given slowly</p> <p>Can usually repeat words of four syllables</p>