

Developmental Checklist 0-5 Years

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Speech & Language Milestones: Birth to 3 Years

0-6 Months:

- Coos and makes pleasure sounds
- Cries differently for different needs
- Smiles when spoken to

6-12 Months:

- Babbles with consonant sounds (ba-ba, da-da)
- Responds to name
- Uses gestures (waving, pointing)
- Says first words around 12 months

12-18 Months:

- Uses 5-20 words
- Follows simple directions
- Points to body parts when named

18-24 Months:

- Uses 50+ words
- Combines two words (more milk)

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Speech & Language Milestones: 2 to 5 Years

2-3 Years:

- Uses 200-1000 words
- Uses 2-3 word sentences
- 75% of speech understood by strangers

3-4 Years:

- Uses sentences of 4+ words
- Tells simple stories
- 90% of speech understood by strangers

4-5 Years:

- Speaks clearly and fluently
- Uses complex sentences
- Can retell a story

If your child is not meeting these milestones, consult a speech-language pathologist.