

SPEECH-LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
BIRTH - 5 YEARS

AGE	TALKING	UNDERSTANDING
Birth - 3 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Makes pleasure sounds (cooing, going) ✓ Cries differently for different needs ✓ Smiles when he/she sees you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Quiets or smiles when spoken to ✓ Seems to recognize your voice and quiets if crying
4-6 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Babbling sounds are more speech-like with many different sounds, including p, b, and m ✓ Vocalizes excitement and displeasure ✓ Making gurgling sounds when left alone and when playing with you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Responds to changes in tone of your voice ✓ Notices toys that make noise ✓ Pays attention to music
7 Months - 1 Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Babbling both long and short groups of sounds such as "tata upup bibibibi" ✓ Uses speech or non-crying sounds to get and keep attention ✓ Imitates different speech sounds ✓ Has 1 or 2 words, although they might not be clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enjoys games like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake ✓ Listens when spoken to ✓ Recognizes words for common items ✓ Begins to respond to requests

<p>1-2 Years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Says more words every month ✓ Uses some 1-2 word questions (i.e. "ball?", "go bye-bye?") ✓ Puts 2 words together (i.e. "more juice," my ball") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Points to a few body parts when asked ✓ Follows simple commands ✓ Understands simple questions ✓ Listens to stories, songs and rhymes ✓ Points to pictures in a book when named
<p>2-3 Years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Has a word for almost everything ✓ Uses 2-3 word sentences to talk about and ask for things ✓ Speech is understood by familiar listeners most of the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understands differences in meaning ✓ Follows simple 2-step commands
<p>3-4 Years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talks about activities at school or at friend's homes ✓ People outside the family usually understand child's speech ✓ Uses a lot of sentences that have 4 or more words ✓ Usually talks easily without repeating syllables or words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understands simple "Who?," "What?," "Where?," "Why?" questions

4-5 Years

- ✓ Voice sounds clear like other children's
- ✓ Uses sentences that gives a lot of details
- ✓ Tells stories and stays on topic
- ✓ Communicates easily with other children and adults
- ✓ Says most sounds correctly (except for a few sounds like, l, s, r, v, z, ch, sh, th)
- ✓ Uses the same grammar as the rest of the family

- ✓ Pays attention to a short story and answers simple questions
- ✓ Understands most of what is said at home and at school