

Early Speech and Language Milestones for birth-3

6 months

- Follows sounds with his or her eyes
- Notices toys that make sounds
- Babbles in a speech-like way and uses many different sounds including sounds that begin with p, b, m
- Laughs

12 months

- First words emerge (1-2)
- Enjoys peek-a-boo type games
- Responds to “Come here”
- Babbles in short groups of sounds (i.e. tatata, bibo, upupup)
- Communicates with gestures such as holding arms up
- Imitates sounds and words

18 months

- Word list grows to at least 25 words by 18 months
- Knows a few body parts and can point to when named (where’s your nose?)
- Gives Hi-Fives, Shakes head yes/no, points to make requests
- Follows more commands such as “get your shoe”.

2 years

- Has a minimum of 50 words
- Begins to use 2 word combinations (hi mommy, go car)
- Points to pictures in book (i.e. Where’s the dog?)
- Follows 2 step directions
- Speech may not always be understood.

3 years

- Has 250+ words
- Using short sentences
- Speech should be becoming clearer
- Correctly produces p, b, m, t,d h, w, d, k,g, and n in words
- Ask and Answer simple questions

