



Are you concerned about your child's speech, or ability to communicate, their use and understanding of words or how they pronounce their sounds? Our speech and language milestones information chart below will help you determine if your child needs intervention.

## Speech & Language Milestones Information Chart

By Age	Speech and Language Skill Milestone	Refer if
1 year	Your child should be using gestures, pointing, understand cause and effect, imitate sounds, be saying their first words, and be communicating with intent	Your child doesn't cry, babble or pay attention to other voices
2 years	By 24 months your child should have 50 single words combined in different ways. By age two and half to three years they should be able to follow simple commands.	Your child can't put some words together in a speech
3 years	By 36 months your child should be able to follow two requests such as "Do x and then y" They should be able to respond from another room and their speech should be able to be understood by others	Your child's speech is difficult for those outside the family to understand or if they are not combining words
4 years	By 4 years your child should be able to communicate their needs and wants and be able to answer "WH" questions such as What and When	Your child doesn't have a growing vocabulary, speak in sentences, and make most sounds – or a child points to things instead of talking. If they cannot answer WH questions
5 years	By 5 years your child should be able to pay attention to a short story and carry on a simple conversation	Your child can't carry on a simple conversation, stammers, sounds much different from playmates, is reluctant to talk, is very self-conscious when speaking and becomes defensive, nervous, or withdrawn when speaking



If you are concerned about your child's speech production, please keep in mind that the majority of sounds a three-year-old makes should be normal. Although she/he may use all sounds correctly, she/he should be intelligible to strangers.

### Acceptable ages of Speech Sound Development:

Age	Consonants
3 years – 3 years 11 months	m, n, p, h, w, b, t, d, k, g, f
4 years	Sh, S
5 years	s, z, l, v, CH, TH, Q
6 years	R

If you have any concerns about your child's speech or language development, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Speech and Language Therapy Team

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