## Speech and Language Milestones List:

## Your child should be able to do the following:

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## Birth-One

## Speech:

## Produces cooing and going sounds

## Begins to babble at about 6 months

## Begins to imitate sounds

## Language:

## Turns toward sounds

## Responds to “no”

## Cries differently for wants and needs

## Recognizes own name and family members names

## Begins to say mama or dada (first words usually at 12 mo)

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## Age 1-2

## Speech

## Around age2, your child begins to use different combinations of vowels and consonants.

## Speech is mostly understood by family members and caregivers.

## Many words only contain a consonant and vowel (ba for ball)

## Language

## Combines 2 word phrases (more cookie)

## Uses more than 50 words, understands more than 300 words

## Follows one step directions (get the ball)

## Answers yes/no questions (Are you a girl?)

## Often uses gestures such as pointing.

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## Age 2-3

## Speech

## Child can make p,b,m, n,w, h,t,k,g and ng sounds

## Speech should be understood at least 50-75% of the time by an unfamiliar listener.

## Language:

## Combines 3 words phrases (I want juice)

## Begins to follow 2 step directions (get the cup and give it to mom)

## Begins naming objects when requesting them

## Answers simple –wh questions (what is this?)

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## Age 3-5

## Speech:

## Speech should be understood 75% of the time by unfamiliar listeners by 3 ½

## Should produce m,n, h,w,p,t,kb,d,g,f,y by 3 ½

## Speech should be understood 100% by unfamiliar listeners by 4 ½

## By 5, child should produce s, sh, th, sh, sp, st, sl, pl,kl, tr, kr

## You may still hear sound errors in these sounds such as r, l, z,th and ch

## Language:

## Follows 3 step directions (put the ball down, get your shoes and come here)

## Begins to use 4 or more words in a sentence

## Answers more complicated wh questions (why do we go to school?)

## Uses more correct grammar when speaking.

## Starts to recognize numbers and letters.

## Your child may need speech/language therapy if:

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## By age 1

## -he/she does not respond to his/her name

## -does not say any words

## -does not use eye contact

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## By age 2

## -does not combine 2 word phrases by 24 months

## -does not consistently add new words into his/her vocabulary

## -does not follow simple instructions

## -has limited play skills

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## By age 3-5

## -cannot seem to find the right words or describe an event without difficulty

## -begin combining 3-5 word sentences

## -understood by both familiar and unfamiliar listeners

## -repeat themselves to clarify without frustration

## -correctly produce vowels and most sounds (closer to five)

## -does not ask or answer simple questions

## -prefers to play alone

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