



Speech and Language Development Checklist



How to use this checklist: At each immunization or well-baby visit, ask the parents the appropriate questions. If a child is missing one or more of the developmental milestones, please refer parents to Language Express. **DON'T WAIT AND SEE!** Anyone can make the referral with parental consent. Call 1-888-503-8885 or use the age-specific referral checklists available on our website. Our office can provide you with brochures to give to parents.

Child's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

3 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	2 years	30 months	3 years	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Cries and grunts; has different cries for different needs <input type="checkbox"/> Makes a lot of cooing and gooing sounds <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to parent/caregiver voice <input type="checkbox"/> Takes a turn by looking, waiting, and making facial expressions during singing and tickling games <input type="checkbox"/> Turns toward sounds <input type="checkbox"/> Startles at sudden loud noises <input type="checkbox"/> Watches faces. Loves smiles and sing-song voices. Is afraid of loud, angry voices <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles and laughs when familiar parent smiles and laughs	<input type="checkbox"/> Startled by loud or sudden noises <input type="checkbox"/> Responds when name is called <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles; i.e., "Ba-ba-ba", "goo-goo", squeals for attention <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes familiar faces and objects <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys games like "peek-a-boo", tickling games <input type="checkbox"/> Reaches for, holds, and puts toys in mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles and laughs in response to parents' smiles and laughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses 3 to 5 different words <input type="checkbox"/> Follows simple instructions; i.e., "Sit down", "Don't touch" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands "no," and simple requests "Where is your ball?" <input type="checkbox"/> Imitates sounds ("Wheel!", "uh-oh!") and actions (wave, head shake) <input type="checkbox"/> Gets attention by looking at your eyes while using sounds, pointing, bringing things to show you <input type="checkbox"/> Tries to sing along with music	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows simple instructions (i.e., Show me the... Give me the...) <input type="checkbox"/> Points to 3 body parts upon request (i.e., eyes, nose, mouth) <input type="checkbox"/> Understands more words than she can say <input type="checkbox"/> Uses at least 20 words consistently; words do not have to be clear i.e., "Mama" or "ba" for "ball" <input type="checkbox"/> Says "No" <input type="checkbox"/> Asks for something by pointing and using sounds or words (points to cookie and says, "num num")	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses 100-150 words and combines two to four words in phrases (e.g., "moe tee" for "more cheese," "Truck go down.") <input type="checkbox"/> Follows 2-step instructions: "Go find your teddy and show it to Grandma." <input type="checkbox"/> Answers questions correctly with "yes" or "no" <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to offer toys to other children and to imitate other children <input type="checkbox"/> Uses many different speech sounds at beginning of words (p,b,m,t,d,n,h,w) <input type="checkbox"/> Asks "What's that?" and "Where?"	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses more than 350 words <input type="checkbox"/> Understands words that describe (hot, big, little, sticky, wet, a little, a lot, more) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses "I," "You," "Mine" and "Me" <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some adult grammar: "Two cookies," "Bird flying," "Daddy's car." <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys being around other children and takes short turns with them <input type="checkbox"/> Uses words to answer "What" and "Where" questions ("What is he/she doing?" "Where's the baby?") <input type="checkbox"/> Remembers and understands familiar stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands same/different, one/all, heavy, night/day <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys pretend play and playing with other children <input type="checkbox"/> Talks about something that happened in the past (e.g., trip to Grandma's) <input type="checkbox"/> Says 4-7 words in a sentence "I want my red ball" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands and asks "Who?" "What?" "Where?" and "Why?" questions <input type="checkbox"/> Adults outside of family understand at least half of what child says	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows three-step instructions; i.e., "Get your boots, put them on and go outside." <input type="checkbox"/> Tells stories with a clear beginning, middle and end, and can anticipate what will happen next in a story <input type="checkbox"/> Uses adult-type grammar <input type="checkbox"/> Starts a conversation and keeps it going on the same topic for three turns <input type="checkbox"/> Answers "Who?" "How?" and "How many?" questions <input type="checkbox"/> Says the following sounds correctly in words: k,y,f,g,d,t
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*MCHAT – Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers can be downloaded from:
http://www2.gsu.edu/~psydlr/M-CHAT/Official_M-CHAT_Website_files/M-CHAT-R_F.pdf

Language Express Preschool Speech and Language accepts referrals for children from birth until January of the year they turn 5. The program is funded by the Government of Ontario – Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Language Express offers free service to all families. For more information call: 1-888-503-8885 or visit: <http://www.language-express.ca>.