



SPEECH & LANGUAGE DELAYS

MILESTONES IN SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

<div>6</div> <div>MONTHS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns to rattling sound • Turns to voice • Laughs • Vocalizes 	<div>2</div> <div>YEARS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points to two pictures • Follows two-step command • Combines words • Names one picture
<div>9</div> <div>MONTHS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babbles single syllabus • Says 'Mama' & 'Dada' • Waves 'bye-bye' 	<div>2.5</div> <div>YEARS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points to six body parts • Knows two actions • Names one picture • Speech - half understandable
<div>12</div> <div>MONTHS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows one step command • Babbles • Imitates vocalizations & sounds • Says one word • Waves 'bye-bye' 	<div>3</div> <div>YEARS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knows two adjectives • Names four pictures • Names one colour • Speech understandable
<div>18</div> <div>MONTHS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points to a body part • Says three words 	<div>4</div> <div>YEARS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines five words • Names four colours • Speech understandable

EARLY INTERVENTION : THE PATH TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Delays in language are the most common types of developmental delays. Simple speech delays could be temporary however, delays may sometimes be a warning sign of a more serious problem that could include hearing loss, developmental delay in other areas, or even an autism spectrum disorder (asd). language delays in early childhood also could be a sign of a learning problem that may not be diagnosed until the school years. it's important to have your child evaluated if you are concerned about your child's language development.

If you have concerns about your child's speech development, reach out to us, let us get started on finding your child's voice!

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CAUTION! CAUTION!! CAUTION!!!

NOT ALL CHILDREN WHO PRESENT WITH LANGUAGE DELAY FALL WITHIN THE BRACKET OF WHAT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A "SPEECH DELAY". SIGNS THAT YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE HAVING A SPEECH DELAY AFTER ALL:

- Your child has very few words but does not use them to communicate basic needs
- When you give your child simple instructions (get your shoe, bring the cup, touch your head) without pointing or gesturing, your child does not understand what you say
- Most of the words used is from nursery rhymes or cartoon characters
- Is over 2 years and repeats what you say rather than respond (echolalia)
- Your child does not play with you or show enjoyment when you attempt to play with them
- Your child does not point with their forefinger to show you things
- Your child makes very little or no eye contact
- Enjoys playing by themselves
- Inappropriate use of toys such as banging, excessive mouthing or twirling
- Does not understand the use of common objects
- Presence of rocking, spinning, hand flapping behavior when upset or excited

If your child's language is delayed and they are demonstrating some of the behaviors listed above, it may be that your child has some other underlying conditions. It is highly recommended that you take your child to see a professional if your child is experiencing any delays.

If it turns out that nothing is wrong, you have more confidence in waiting it out.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS A LATE TALKER SHOWING SIGNS OF A LANGUAGE DELAY OR HAVING SOME OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY THAT MAY BE IMPACTING THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS, WE ARE ABLE TO PROFFER SOLUTION THROUGH OUR SUITE OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

Talk to us now!

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