



Speech and Language Development Checklist

2 ½ - 3 years

30 months

- Has approximately 450 words in vocabulary
- Gives own first name
- Answers “where” questions
- Uses present progressive -ing
- Uses “no” or “not”
- Consistently uses 3-4 word phrases/sentences
- Identifies simple objects by function
- Is 50-75% intelligible
- Shares toys and understands simple locations (in, under, out, off)
- Responds to greetings
- Uses pronouns (my, me, mine, you)

36 months

- Is 75% intelligible to all listeners
- Converses in sentences
- Has 1000 words in vocabulary
- Follows prepositional commands (on, next to, under, etc.)
- Follows simple 3- step related commands
- Begins to use adjectives for color and size
- Asks one-word “why” questions
- Uses “what”, “where”, “how”, and “whose” when asking questions
- Uses “in” and “on” when asked “where” questions
- Begins to understand time concepts such as soon, later, wait
- Chews and swallows majority of adult food