

Communication Milestone Checkpoints: 3-12 months

COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 3-6 months	COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 6-9 months	COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 9-12 months
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracks objects and people with eye gaze	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduplicated babbling with consonant sounds, ex: mamama	<input type="checkbox"/> Pointing and using some other early gestures
<input type="checkbox"/> Social smile	<input type="checkbox"/> Responds to name	<input type="checkbox"/> Variegated babbling (combining various vowels and consonants)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vowel sounds and cooing	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates joint attention	<input type="checkbox"/> Imitates actions, sounds, and dancing with nursery songs
<input type="checkbox"/> Makes eye contact with people talking to them	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands a few words or phrases	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows highly routine directions with cues
<input type="checkbox"/> Takes turns vocalizing	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses vocalizations with eye contact to communicate	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands 50 words and phrases including "no"
<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys social games with caregiver	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempting imitation of some actions and sounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses one word
Cause for Concern: no social smile, no cooing or vowel sounds, not responding to environmental sounds, not tracking interesting items with eye gaze	Cause for Concern: limited eye contact, no consonant sounds, does not enjoy early songs and games like peek-a-boo, does not respond to name	Cause for Concern: no babbling, no joint attention, no response to name, not using at least one gesture

Communication Milestone Checkpoints: 12-24 months

12-15 months COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT	15-18 months COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT	18-24 months COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT
<input type="checkbox"/> Says 10 words	<input type="checkbox"/> Says 50 words	<input type="checkbox"/> Says 200 words including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and social phrases
<input type="checkbox"/> Babbling with intonation	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech is ~25% intelligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech is ~50% intelligible
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses 10 or more gestures	<input type="checkbox"/> Imitates simple words	<input type="checkbox"/> Combines words to make phrases
<input type="checkbox"/> Imitates sounds in play	<input type="checkbox"/> Points to common vocabulary including body parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses words more than gestures to communicate
<input type="checkbox"/> Makes choices and answers "Where" questions by looking toward an object/person	<input type="checkbox"/> Answers yes/no questions verbally or with nod/shake	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows 1-step and simple 2-step directions
<input type="checkbox"/> Follows 1-step directions with prompts	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows 1-step directions without cues	<input type="checkbox"/> Verbally makes a choice when offered two options
Cause for Concern: not saying 1 word, not able to communicate with gestures, not using at least 3 consonant sounds, not following routine directions	Cause for Concern: using less than 10 words, no imitation of play sounds, not able to identify familiar vocabulary, not following simple directions	Cause for Concern: using less than 50 words, using less than 5 consonant sounds, not following 1-step directions, babbling more than using words

Communication Milestone Checkpoints: 24-48 months

COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 24-30 months	COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 30-36 months	COMMUNICATION MILESTONE CHECKPOINT 36-48 months
<input type="checkbox"/> Says 450 words	<input type="checkbox"/> Says 1000 words	<input type="checkbox"/> Says 1600 words
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech is ~50-75% intelligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech is ~70-80% intelligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech is ~90- 100% intelligible
<input type="checkbox"/> Asks and answers Who, What, & Where questions	<input type="checkbox"/> Asks and answers Why questions	<input type="checkbox"/> Asks and answers When and How questions
<input type="checkbox"/> Average sentence length is 2-3 words	<input type="checkbox"/> Average sentence length is 3 or more words	<input type="checkbox"/> Average sentence length is 4-5 words or more
<input type="checkbox"/> Follows directions with simple spatial, quantitative, and qualitative concepts	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows 2-3 step directions	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows multi-step directions
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses verb+ing Uses pronouns: I, me, my, mine, you, it	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses subject pronouns: he, she, we	<input type="checkbox"/> Variety of sentence structures with proper pronouns and subject-verb agreement
Cause for Concern: using less than 100 words, not able to answer simple questions, not combining words for phrases, less than 50% intelligible	Cause for Concern: using less than 200 words, less than 70% intelligible, not able to answer a variety of questions, not following 1-2 step directions	Cause for Concern: not 100% understandable to parent, not able to have a conversation by asking/answering questions, frequent grammatical errors