

# SPEECH & LANGUAGE

## M I L E S T O N E S

AGE	LANGUAGE	SOUNDS
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understands some words for common items</li> <li>participates in back-and-forth games like peek-a-boo</li> <li>uses groups of sounds to babble</li> <li>uses gestures</li> </ul>	IMITATES MULTIPLE DIFFERENT SPEECH SOUNDS
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>puts two words together</li> <li>points to pictures in books</li> <li>learns new words often</li> <li>uses many different consonant sounds</li> </ul>	IS UNDERSTOOD AT LEAST 50% OF THE TIME
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has a word for most things</li> <li>uses 2-3 word phrases</li> <li>uses words to get or direct attention</li> <li>responds when you call them</li> </ul>	P B M N D T K G Y H F W
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>answers simple WH questions</li> <li>talks about their day</li> <li>uses sentences with 4 or more words</li> <li>speaks easily</li> </ul>	L V S Z SH CH J
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pays attention to short stories</li> <li>understands most of what is said</li> <li>uses sentences with many details</li> </ul>	R ZH TH (VOICED)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>uses adult grammar</li> <li>can rhyme; knows all their letters and numbers</li> <li>communicates easily</li> <li>can hold a conversation</li> </ul>	TH (VOICELESS)

Adapted from [nidcd.nih.gov](https://nidcd.nih.gov), McLeod and Crowe, 2018