



Typical Speech and Language Skills by Age

Birth-6 months	Can make vowel and a few consonant sounds, may start to squeal, growl, or blow raspberries, able to locate some sounds in environment
6-12 months	Starts combining consonant and vowel sounds ("ba", "da", "ma"), may start following simple directions (waves bye-bye, responds to name)
1 year old	Uses about 2-10 words, answers yes/no questions, able to follow simple directions (where's your nose, high-five, claps to music)
2 year old	Uses around 200 words, starts combining 2 words (bye mama, my shoe), is understood about 50% of the time, Points to objects and body parts, follows 1-2 step directions Producing Sounds: /b,m,p,d,h,n/
3 year old	Uses around 1,000 different words, combines 2-4 words at a time, is understood about 75% of the time, uses pronouns, prepositions, and present tense verbs correctly Producing Sounds: /f,g,k,t,w, ng/
4-5 year old	Uses 2,000+ words, names colors and shapes, asks and answers "wh-" questions, follows 3-step directions, uses complete sentences with correct grammar. Is understood about 80-90% of the time. Producing sounds: /ch,sh,l,y,s, z,v/
6-7 year old	Using different types of sentence structures, understood 100% of the time, producing ALL speech sounds correctly in conversational speech