

## Use of Language Developmental Milestones

Age	Use of language	Strategies to develop use of language
Up to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using different cries to communicate a range of meanings including being in pain or hungry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Words for Life - Age 0-6 months</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Universally Speaking (Birth to Five)</a></li> <li>• Model language for your child to hear.</li> </ul>
By 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using gesture including pointing and waving goodbye.</li> <li>• Making noises and beginning to use first words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Top Techniques to Develop Early Language</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Universally Speaking (Birth to Five)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Early Language Development</a></li> </ul>
By 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses and says at least 10 different words e.g. "mama", "daddy."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Words for Life – Age 1 to 2</a></li> <li>• Encourage your child to join in with singing and rhymes.</li> <li>• Use 'ready, steady, go' games and wait for your child to say 'go.'</li> <li>• Read books with repetitive phrases and see if your child joins in.</li> </ul>
By 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a vocabulary of around 50 words.</li> <li>• Beginning to join 2 words together e.g. "mummy cup."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Top Techniques to Develop Early Language</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Universally Speaking (Birth to Five)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Early Language Development</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Words for Life – Age 1 to 2</a></li> <li>• Using books to develop language</li> <li>• Teaching Children New Words</li> <li>• Expand on what your child has said. For example, they say "car" and you say "red car."</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for your child to take turns speaking, for example offer them a choice even if you know what they want; "do you want water or milk?"</li> <li>• Leave pauses for your child to talk.</li> </ul>



By 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a large vocabulary including objects, actions, adjectives and words to describe space and time e.g. "today" and "under."</li> <li>Using utterances of 3-5 words.</li> <li>Beginning to use some grammar e.g. plural 's' or '- ing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 3 to 4</a></li> </ul>
By 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses longer utterances.</li> <li>Beginning to use different tenses but may still make mistakes with irregular words e.g. "we goed home."</li> <li>Can link ideas together using words including "and", "because", "if" and "but."</li> <li>Asks questions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 3 to 4</a></li> <li>Pre-teach new vocabulary individually or small groups before using it with the whole class.</li> </ul>
By 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can tell a simple familiar story in the right sequence.</li> <li>Uses words to describe height such as "short."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Universally Speaking (5-11)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 5 to 8</a></li> </ul>
Between 5 and 11 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links sentences together with conjunctions including "and" or "because."</li> <li>Marks tenses correctly including irregular endings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Universally Speaking (5-11)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 5 to 8</a></li> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 9 to 12</a></li> </ul>
Between 11 and 16 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses utterances of 7-11 words.</li> <li>Links sentences using more complex words such as "before," "also" and "then."</li> <li>Demonstrates an understanding that some words can have more than one meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Universally Speaking (11-18)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Words for Life - Age 9 to 12</a></li> </ul>

**Use of language skills not present in 2 age categories below their actual age e.g. unable to use a vocabulary of 50 words or joining 2 words together at 4 years**

**Use of language skills not present in 1 age category below their actual age e.g. not using utterances of 3-5 words or beginning to use plurals at 4 years**

**Use of language is age appropriate**





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