



**Some simple Guidelines...**

If you suspect your preschool child may have a communicating problem, take a few minutes to complete the following checklist. If you answer "no" to any of the following questions, call us.

<b>By 3 months, does your child:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Startle at a sudden sound?		
Turn to where the sound is coming from?		
Make sounds ("oo", "ahh", etc.)?		
Look at you with interest when you speak?		
Smile in response to you?		

<b>By 6 months, does your child:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Make several different sounds?		
Try to get your attention by looking at your face or making sounds?		
Make sounds and smile in response to your expressions and sounds?		

<b>By 9 months, does your child:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Reach out to be picked up?		
Respond to his/her name?		
Make speech-like sounds ("baba", "gaga", etc.)?		
Babble musically when playing alone?		
Turn to look where spoken words are coming from?		
Enjoy being played with, taking turns making sounds back and forth?		
Understands "no"?		

<b>By 12 months, does your child:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Use a finger to point things out to you?		
Imitate or use gestures like waving bye-bye?		
Make his/her needs known by a combination of sounds and actions?		
Bring toy to you to show you or play with?		
Enjoy games like peek-a-boo or pat-a-cake and sometimes initiate these games?		
Understand simple phrases like "come here" and "don't touch"?		



By 15 months, does your child:	Yes	No
Usually look at you when communicating?		
Repeat phrases you've used?		
Seem to be talking in sentences but not using "real words"?		
Say one or two words?		
Understands simple questions and commands, like "go get a diaper" or "where's the ball"?		

By 18 months, does your child:	Yes	No
Point, look at you and then at the thing he/she is talking about?		
Use the word "no"?		
Have a vocabulary of 10 words or more?		
Understand and use the names of familiar objects such as "ball", "bed", "car", "light"?		
Sometimes answer the question "what's this"?		
Take turns when playing with a partner?		
Use toys for pretend play?		

By 2 years, does your child:	Yes	No
Point to some body parts?		
Use descriptive words like "hungry", "big", "hot"?		
Use two word combinations like "me go" or "more cookie"?		
Ask questions like "what dat"?		
Enjoy listening to simple stories?		

By 3 years, does your child?	Yes	No
Follow two-part directions like "go to the kitchen and get your cup"?		
Participate in short conversations?		
Use sentences of three words or more?		
Talk about something that happened in the past?		
Ask "why" questions?		
Do people outside your family circle understand half of what your child says?		



By 4 years, does your child?	Yes	No
Talk in whole sentences using adult like grammar?		
Tell a story that is easy to follow?		
Ask many questions?		
Answer "who, how, how many" questions?		
Use "I, me, you, he or she" properly?		
Start a conversation and continue it, staying on the same topic?		
Use language to create pretend situations when playing with others?		
Do people outside your family circle understand more than three-quarters of what your child says?		

By 5 years, does your child:	Yes	No
Explain how an object can be used?		
Answer "when" and "why" questions?		
Talk about past, future, and imaginary events?		
Participate in long detailed conversations?		
Do people outside your family circle understand most of what your child says?		

*If you've answered "no" to one or more of the above questions, don't wait. Please call us. We can help you address any concerns you may have.*

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