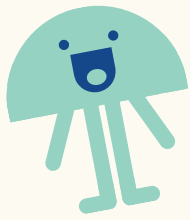


Language Development



Milestones are so important! The way your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves offer great insight to their development.

Age

Milestones

6 months

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah", "eh", "oh") and likes taking turns with parent while making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Makes sounds to show joy and displeasure
- Begins to say consonant sounds (babbling with "m", "b")

9 months

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mamamama" and "bababababa"
- Copies sounds and gestures of others
- Uses fingers to point at things



1 Year

- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- Makes sounds with changes in tone (sounds more like speech)
- Says "mama" and "dada" and exclamations like "uh-oh!"
- Tries to imitate words you say

18 months

- Says several single words
- Says and shakes head "no"
- Points to show someone what they want

2 Years

- Points to things or pictures when they are named
- Knows names of familiar people and body parts
- Says sentences within 2-4 words
- Follows simple instructions
- Repeats words overhead in conversation
- Points to things in a book

"CDC's Developmental Milestones." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 22 Jan. 2021, <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>.

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