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Speech and Language Milestones

0-12 Months

0-6 Months

Comprehension

(Child's Understanding of Spoken Language)

- Shows awareness of parent's voice
- Differentiates basic emotions (e.g., happy and angry voices)
- Watches speaker's face
- Quiets to a familiar voice
- Recognizes own name (e.g., by quieting, alerting and vocalizing)

Production

(Child's Verbal Language Skills)

- Produces comfort sounds
- Coos and Goos
- Blows raspberries
- Vocalizes using different intonations and vocal volumes
- Begins to imitate sounds, actions and facial expressions (e.g., smile)
- Becomes excited when parent approaches
- Responds to other people by laughing, crying, smiling, grasping and looking
- Begins to babble
- Maintains eye contact

6-12 Months

Comprehension

(Child's Understanding of Spoken Language)

- Responds to familiar music with body or hand movements and vocalizing
- Attends to speaker and objects mentioned during conversation
- Reacts to facial expressions
- Recognizes and looks toward family members, pets and toys when named
- Attends to toy or book for about one minute
- Responds to 10 familiar words (e.g., own name, "no," "give," "hug")
- Follows some simple directions and requests

Production

(Child's Verbal Language Skills)

- Babbles using 3-4 different sounds and combinations of sounds (e.g., kiki, bada, aga)
- Says "mama" or "dada" meaningfully
- Says 1-2 words spontaneously
- Vocalizes for different purposes (e.g., attention, wanting a change in activity)
- Produces short exclamations (e.g., "uh oh")
- Uses simple gestures (e.g., waves "bye-bye," points to object, shakes head)
- Imitates and engages in social games (e.g., peek-a-boo)
- Begins to imitate new words

Red Flags

- Does not babble frequently, point, or use simple gestures
- Does not respond to his/her name
- Does not vocalize or gesture to seek attention
- Does not show interest in social games

***If your child does not meet most of these milestones by 12 months, consider scheduling a speech-language evaluation.*