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Speech and Language Milestones **24-36 Months**

24-30 Months

Comprehension

(Child's Understanding of Spoken Language)

- Identifies at least 10 familiar pictures
- Points to actions in pictures (e.g., girl running)
- Identifies pictures of familiar objects by function (e.g., points to the picture of a shoe when asked, "What do you put on your foot?")
- Understands mine vs. yours
- Understands in vs. out, on top vs. under
- Follows two-step commands (e.g., "Put the boy in the car, and shut the door")
- Answers what, where, who questions
- Completes open ended familiar sentences (e.g., "pour the juice into the ____")

Production

(Child's Verbal Language Skills)

- Sings phrases of familiar songs
- Comments on self, others, and objects
- Participates in social routines (e.g., pretends to talk on phone, gives high-five)
- Produces approximately 50-300 words
- Uses variety of 3-word phrases frequently
- Uses 2-3 pronouns (e.g., my, me, you)
- Uses -ing verbs (e.g., sleeping, jumping, eating)
- Uses plurals (e.g., shoes, cookies, balls)
- Uses possessive -'s (e.g., Johnny's shoe)
- Asks basic wh- questions (who, what, where)

30-36 Months

Comprehension

(Child's Understanding of Spoken Language)

- Repeats 2-3 word phrases in a song or story
- Identifies at least 15 household objects
- Identifies at least 15 people or characters in pictures
- Understands big vs. little
- Understands many vs. none, one vs. two
- Follows two-step unrelated commands (e.g., "Roll the ball, and clap your hands")
- Understands questions about physical needs (e.g., "What do you do when you are hungry/cold?")

Production

(Child's Verbal Language Skills)

- Produces speech that can be understood 90% of the time
- Becomes frustrated when speech is not understood by others
- Uses greetings (hi, bye) and polite words (please, thank you)
- Names basic colors
- Initiates topics and participates in conversations/ storytelling
- States first and last name, age, and gender
- Averages 50 new words per month
- Has a vocabulary of 400-800 words

Red Flags

- Does not follow directions
- Lacks interest in or does not remember simple and familiar stories, songs, nursery rhymes
- Does not speak in phrases and sentences
- Repeats phrases in response to questions

****If your child does not meet most of these milestones by 36 months, consider scheduling a speech-language evaluation.*