

YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH MILESTONES

4 - 6 months



Engage in vocal play and babble sounds

7 - 12 months



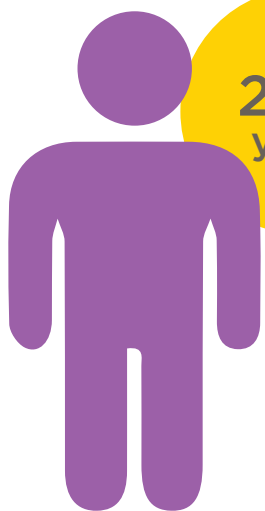
Use babbling consonant-vowel combinations with an increasing variety of consonant sounds. Use intonation, and these sound combinations begin to sound similar to familiar words.

12 - 20 months



- At 12 months, your child should be pointing to objects you name, making gestures and recognizing his or her name.
- Use single words with more than 10-20 words by 18 months.
- By 18 - 20 months, your child should also be following simple directions.

2 - 3 years



- Uses about 150-200 words
- Understands simple questions and directions
- Uses pronouns (me, you, I) but still mixes them up
- May stutter on words or sounds
- By age three, they are using 2 - 3 word sentences and can be understood by a stranger 75% of the time

3 - 4 years



- Uses approximately 1,000 words
- Can answer simple questions
- Speaks in 4 to 6 word sentences
- Speaks clearly enough so most people can understand them
- Starting to tell stories

