YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH MILESTONES

4 – 6 months
Engage in vocal play and babble sounds

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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.

7 – 12 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

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