

Timeline Key for Typical Communicational Milestones

- A. The 0-6-month child will most likely be able to:
 - Respond to voices and sounds
 - Localize sounds
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 - Produce speech sounds during babbling
 - Cry to communicate needs, wants, and desires
- B. The 7-12-month child will most likely be able to:
 - Attend to the speaker when spoken to
 - Utilize gestures
 - Comprehend simple commands
 - Respond or react to their name
 - Produce their first word toward the end of this period
- C. The 13-18-month child will most likely be able to:
 - Produce requests
 - Repeat words
 - Comprehend more commands
 - Have a vocabulary of 5-20 words
 - Be mostly unintelligible

- D. The 19-24-month child will most likely be able to:
 - Name familiar objects
 - Point to and show interest in books
 - Comprehend simple body parts and categories
 - Begin utilizing pronouns, possessives, and two-word utterances
 - Have an expressive vocabulary of 50-100 words
 - Have receptive vocabulary of roughly 300 words
 - Be 25 to 50% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners
- E. The 2-3-year-old child will most likely be able to:
 - Follow 2-step directions
 - Use the pronouns I, me, you, prepositions, 2–4-word phrases, and some forms of plural and past tense markers
 - Request objects by name
 - Have an expressive vocabulary of 50-250 words
 - Have a receptive vocabulary of 500-900 words
 - Be 50-75% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners

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F. The 3-4-year-old child will most likely be able to:

- Follow 2-3 step directions
- Label familiar/common animals and colors
- Produce 4–5-word sentences
- Utilize a minimum of four prepositions
- Use linking verbs such as am, is, and are in sentences
- Begin to comprehend past and present
- Comprehend opposites
- Have an expressive vocabulary of 1,500+ words
- Have a receptive vocabulary of 1,200-2,000 words
- Be 80% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners

G. The 4-5-year-old child will most likely be able to:

- Comprehend short stories
- Properly respond to wh- questions
- Count to 10
- Complete 3-step commands
- Utilize adjectives and can generalize
- Have an expressive vocabulary of 10,000+ words
- Utilize 4-6-word sentences
- Be 100% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners

- H. The 5-6-year-old child will most likely be able to:
 - Follow group instructions
 - Understand past and future tense
 - Correctly use conjunctions
 - Produce 5-7-word sentences
 - Retell a story
 - Count to 30 and name the days of the week
 - Ask "how" questions
 - Have a receptive vocabulary of 13,000+ words
- I. The 6-7-year-old child will most likely be able to:
 - Understand concepts of time such as before and after
 - Know the difference between left and right
 - Count to 100
 - Possess simple reading and writing skills
 - Comprehend terms such as different, similar, beginning, and end
 - Have a receptive vocabulary of 20,000+ words