

DEVELOPMENTAL BENCHMARKS OF TWO TO SIX YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Ages	Emotional and Social Skills	Intellectual Skills	Fine Motor Skills	Gross Motor Skills
Two- Year- Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plays near but not with other children <input type="checkbox"/> Seeks teacher's attention <input type="checkbox"/> Observes others to see how they do things <input type="checkbox"/> Asserts independence <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits high degree of self-interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Talks mostly to self <input type="checkbox"/> Uses "me" instead of name <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys showing and naming objects <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a 200 to 300 word vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks in phrases or three-word sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Answers yes/no questions <input type="checkbox"/> Follows two-step commands <input type="checkbox"/> Constructs negative sentences (no truck) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses modifiers such as "some", "all", "one" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands big and little <input type="checkbox"/> Uses adjectives like "red", "old", "pretty" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Turns pages of a book <input type="checkbox"/> Imitates drawing a circle or line <input type="checkbox"/> Can work fingers to scoop up small objects <input type="checkbox"/> Constructs simple two and three-piece puzzles <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys short, simple finger play games <input type="checkbox"/> Strings large beads on shoelace <input type="checkbox"/> Builds tower of up to eight blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kicks large ball <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps in place <input type="checkbox"/> Runs without falling <input type="checkbox"/> Walks up and down stairs alone <input type="checkbox"/> Marches to music <input type="checkbox"/> Tends to use legs and arms as pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Uses whole arm usually to paint or colour 
Three Year- Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plays in groups of two or three children <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to take turns <input type="checkbox"/> Shares with friends <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys independence by doing things for self <input type="checkbox"/> Yells "stop it" at times instead of striking another child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Asks "how", "what", "when" and "why" questions <input type="checkbox"/> Uses verbs such as "could", "need", "might" and "help" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands pronouns "you" and "they" <input type="checkbox"/> Understands smaller and larger <input type="checkbox"/> Answers "how" questions appropriately <input type="checkbox"/> Loves words such as "secret", "surprise" and "different" <input type="checkbox"/> Uses words to define space such as "back, up, outside, in front of, behind, over, next to" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cuts paper <input type="checkbox"/> Builds tower of nine small blocks <input type="checkbox"/> Pastes using a finger <input type="checkbox"/> Pours from a pitcher <input type="checkbox"/> Copies a circle from a drawing <input type="checkbox"/> Draws a person with three parts <input type="checkbox"/> Strings beads and can arrange by colour and shape <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a knife to spread food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Catches ball with arms extended forward <input type="checkbox"/> Throws ball underhand <input type="checkbox"/> Completes forward somersault <input type="checkbox"/> Walks up stairs with alternating feet <input type="checkbox"/> Rides a tricycle skillfully <input type="checkbox"/> Runs, walks, jumps and gallops to music <input type="checkbox"/> Throws ball without losing balance <input type="checkbox"/> Hops on one foot

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Four- Year- Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Loves other children and having a "friend" <input type="checkbox"/> Bases friendships on shared activities <input type="checkbox"/> Seeks approval of friends <input type="checkbox"/> Plays in small groups <input type="checkbox"/> Delights in humorous stories <input type="checkbox"/> Shows more interest in other children than in adults <input type="checkbox"/> Excludes children they do not like <input type="checkbox"/> Loves to whisper and tell secrets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has trouble telling difference between reality and fantasy <input type="checkbox"/> Exaggerates in practicing new words <input type="checkbox"/> Loves silly words and repeating them <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary of 1200 to 1500 words <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to identify letters in own name <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to appreciate bugs, flowers, birds <input type="checkbox"/> Learns simple card games and dominoes <input type="checkbox"/> Develops awareness of "bad" and "good" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Buttons and unbuttons <input type="checkbox"/> Cuts on a line with scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Completes six to eight- piece puzzle <input type="checkbox"/> Copies some letters and numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Buckles a belt <input type="checkbox"/> Zips separated fasteners <input type="checkbox"/> Adds five parts to an incomplete drawing of a person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Walks up and down stairs one foot per step <input type="checkbox"/> Skips on one foot <input type="checkbox"/> Rides a bicycle with training wheels 
Five- Year- Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers playing in small groups <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers friends of same sex and age <input type="checkbox"/> Protects younger children <input type="checkbox"/> Plays well with older siblings <input type="checkbox"/> Washes hands before meals <input type="checkbox"/> Respects property of others <input type="checkbox"/> Becomes competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Develops sense of fairness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Retells main details of stories <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes the cause and effect of actions <input type="checkbox"/> Tells original stories <input type="checkbox"/> Follows three-step commands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a knife <input type="checkbox"/> Copies many letters and numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Traces objects <input type="checkbox"/> Draws crude objects <input type="checkbox"/> Colours within lines <input type="checkbox"/> Copies square, triangle and diamond shape <input type="checkbox"/> Models objects from clay <input type="checkbox"/> Laces shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tries roller and ice skating <input type="checkbox"/> Catches ball with hands <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps from heights <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps rope <input type="checkbox"/> Walks on stilts <input type="checkbox"/> Skips <input type="checkbox"/> Climbs fences
Six- Year- Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers friends of the same sex <input type="checkbox"/> Engages in cooperative play involving role assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys being praised and complimented <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys "show and tell" <input type="checkbox"/> May be argumentative <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive and wants to win 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies penny, nickel and dime <input type="checkbox"/> Counts ten objects <input type="checkbox"/> Completes a 15-piece puzzle <input type="checkbox"/> Acts out stories <input type="checkbox"/> Plays Chinese checkers and dominoes <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes letters and words <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies right from left hand <input type="checkbox"/> Repeats an 8-10 word sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ties bows <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes hand preference <input type="checkbox"/> Reverses letters while printing <input type="checkbox"/> Paints houses, trees, flowers and clouds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plays hopscotch <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys ball play <input type="checkbox"/> Plays simple, organized games such as hide-and- seek 