

Communication develops overtime and every child develops at his or her own rate. The growth chart below from the [Speech-Language and Audiology Canada Association](#) outlines the ages at which most children will reach speech, language and hearing milestones. If a child does not develop one of the skills at the identified age range, it does not necessarily mean there is a problem. However, if many items are not present or apparent, please speak with your school, or a speech-language pathologist and/or an audiologist.

<p>Birth to 3 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ makes cooing sounds ➤ Has different cries for differing needs ➤ Smiles at others ➤ Startles to loud sounds ➤ Soothed/calmed by a familiar voice 	<p>18-24 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand more words than he/she can say ❖ Says two words together (ie. more juice) ❖ Asks simple questions (ie. What is that?) Takes turns in conversations
<p>4 to 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Babbles and makes different sounds ❖ Makes sounds back when talked to ❖ Enjoys games like peek-a-boo ❖ Turns eyes towards a sound source ❖ Responds to music or toys that make sounds 	<p>2-3 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses sentences of three or 4 words most of the time • Understands different concepts (ie. in-on; up-down) • Follows two-part directions (ie. Take the book and put it on the table.) • Answers simple questions (ie. Where is the car?) Participates in short conversations
<p>7 to 12 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waves hi/bye • Responds to his/her name • Let's you know that he/she wants using sounds and/or actions like pointing • Begins to follow simple directions (ie. Where is your nose?) • Localizes correctly to sound by turning his/her head toward the sound • Pays attention when spoken to 	<p>3-4 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tells a short story or talks about daily activities ➤ Talks in sentences with adult-like grammar ➤ Generally speaks clearly so people understand ➤ Hears you when you call from another room ➤ Listens to TV at the same volume as others Answers a variety of questions
<p>12-18 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uses common words and starts to put words together ➤ Enjoys listening to storybooks ➤ Points to body parts or pictures in a book when asked ➤ Looks at your face when talking to you 	<p>4-5 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pronounces most speech sounds correctly ❖ Participates in and understands conversations even in the presence of background noise ❖ Recognizes familiar signs (ie. stop sign) ❖ Makes up rhymes ❖ Hears and understands most of what is said at home and school Listens and retells a story and asks and answers questions about a story

