

SPEECH & HEARING DEVELOPMENT

3 Months

- Startles to sudden loud sounds
- Quietens with familiar voices
- Turns head towards the sound
- Smiles when spoken to
- Makes pleasure sounds



6 Months

- Turns towards the source of sound across the room
- Recognizes own name
- Recognizes sounds of everyday toys
- Knows differences between angry and loved voice
- Makes blowing and gurgling sounds



9 Months

- Enjoys listening to music
- Recognizes names of family members
- Understands meanings of few words (eg. Bye-bye, Finished!)
- Understands 'No' and stops the activity
- Continuous babbling in play
- Makes rhythmic sounds while copying elders (e.g. Pitter patter, Wheels on the bus)



12 Months

- Pays attention to speech even in surrounding noise
- Finds the objects named
- Understands single sentences like 'Keep It down, Give me, Come here'
- Recognizes few body parts (eg. Eyes, ears, hands, legs)
- Says First Meaningful word



18 Months

- Picks up one or two correct objects on command
- Follows one step commands (eg. Close the door)
- Enjoys listening to songs and rhymes
- Understands short questions of ' who, what, where '
- Speaks 40-50 meaningful words



2 Years

- Copies actions and words
- Pretends to read
- Follows simple instructions
- Names items in a picture book
- Uses two word phrases (e.g, Drink milk)



2.5 Years

- Dramatizes mother and baby using dolls
- Initiates own play activities
- Speaks in 2-3 word phrases
- Speech half understandable



3 Years

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Understands words like 'in, on, under'
- Chants rhymes and songs
- Names a friend
- Says Full name, age, and sex
- Carries on a conversation using 2-3 sentences
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time



4 Years

- Interacts with other children
- Names some colours and numbers
- Says a poem from memory
- Talks about what she likes and what she is interested in
- Uses 'he' or 'she' correctly Can speak clearly



5 Years

- Likes to sing, dance and act
- Can tell what's real and what's make- believe
- Follows simple rules
- Narrates a simple incidence using full sentences
- Speaks clearly

