



SPEECH & LANGUAGE MILESTONES

2

years

- Use 50 single words
- Combine 2-word phrases
- Use action words
- Follow 2-step directions
- Listen to stories with pictures
- 50% of speech understood

3

years

- Use words more than gestures
- Use 3-4-word phrases
- Tell simple stories
- Ask "what" and "where"
- Know some shapes and colors
- 75% of speech understood

4

years

- Use 4-5-word sentences
- Use verbs and adjectives
- Answer Wh- questions
- Tell organized stories
- Talk about activities at school or a friends house
- 90-100% of speech is understood

5

years

- Use 5+ word sentences
- Follow multi-step directions to participate in learning
- Take turns in games
- Initiate and maintain conversations
- Early literacy skills like rhyming and phonics



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