



Language/Communication Milestones Checklist⁴

Handout B13



At this stage of development, my child may...

- Say two-to-three word sentences like: "Me see dog."
- Understand around 200 words
- Say about 20 words even though they may not say them clearly
- Ask for help using their words or actions
- Talk to stuffed animals or themselves without pausing between words. The words might not make sense.
- Name some pictures in books
- Copy new words or phrases I say like: "Sister's cup," or "Kitty's food."
- Sing children's songs with words or body motions
- Have non-family members understand what they say
- Begin to use plurals
- Talk in the past tense
- Ask what things are in order to learn new words

Reminder...
Children grow and develop at different rates. Your child may be following a different path than other children the same age.

How I can support language/communication development...

- Ask questions they can understand starting with the words "what" or "where"
- Show them books and read to them
- Label the names of objects around our home and outside
- Visit our local library to check out children's books and audio stories
- Add to their short sentences. For example, if they say "cup," I can say, "Yes! That is a purple cup."
- Listen to what they're saying when they're talking and ask them questions about what they're saying