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Language Development

Age	Hearing & Understanding	Talking
1-3 months	startles to loud noises, quiets when you talk	cooing, crying
4-6 months	move their eyes in direction of sounds, notices toys that make sounds, pays attention to music	coos and babbles when playing alone or with you, giggles and laughs
7-12 months	turns head in direction of sound, looks when you point, turns when you call their name, plays peek-a-boo or patty cake, responds to simple words and phrases like "no" or "come here"	babbles string of sounds like mimi or baba, uses sounds and gestures to get attention, shows objects of interest to others, uses gestures like waving goodbye or reaching to be picked up
1-2 years	follows 1-step directions, points to pictures in book when you name them, points to a few body parts, responds to simple questions like "Who's that?"	uses a lot of new words, puts two words together, asks questions like "What's that?"
2-3 years	understands opposites, follows 2-step directions, understands new words quickly	talks about things that aren't in the room, puts 3 words together, has a word for most things in daily life, asks "why"

3-4 years	responds when you call from another room, understands some colors and shapes	says rhyming words, uses some plural words (i.e. toys, dogs), 100% of speech is understood, talks about what happened during the day, answers simple who, what, where questions
4-5 years	understands words for time (i.e. today, yesterday), follows 3-step directions, follows classroom directions and routines	talks without repeating sounds most of the time, names letters and numbers, keeps conversation going, tells a short story

If you have any questions about your child's language development, call us at 515-207-2526. We offer free 15 minute consultations over the phone!

How does your child hear and talk? (n.d.) Available from the website of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association:

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