

# Speech and Language Skills Checklist

## One to Two Years of Age

The skills listed below are usually obtained by two years of age. Some skills are acquired earlier than others, and this is completely normal.

### Expressive Language Skills (speaking skills)

Skill	Yes <i>My child does that</i>	No <i>Haven't seen that</i>	It's Complicated <i>Sometimes or, Don't know that means!</i>	Notes
Uses 30-50 words consistently				
60% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners				
Imitates words easily				
Vocabulary increases each month				
Speaks with 2 word phrases				
Asks simple questions				

### Receptive Language Skills (understanding skills)

Skill	Yes <i>My child does that</i>	No <i>Haven't seen that</i>	It's Complicated <i>Sometimes or, Don't know that means!</i>	Notes
Points to body parts				
Follows simple directions				
Understands no				
Points to pictures in books				
Understands about 300				
Listens to short stories				

# How to Use Checklist

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## **Overview:**

This checklist is meant to be a guideline. My recommendation is to print it out and make a note in the yes, no, or it's complicated column for each skill. It may take a few days or even a few months of observing. Make any notes of concerns or questions in the last column.

For professionals, this is a nice checklist to measure overall progress of your students or to give to parents as a handout.

## **Uses:**

- Explains speech and language milestones in simplified terms
- Helps parents to understand if their child is on track or if there is anything that needs further investigating
- Keeps track of child's progress concerning speech and language development
- General guidelines for goal writing

## **Interpretation:**

Your child's profile does not diagnosis any disorder! It does not even indicate that your child needs or doesn't need an evaluation.

Instead, this checklist is designed to give parents and professionals a quick glance of what to expect concerning their children's speech and language development. It creates a broad picture of your child's current strengths and possible areas of need.