

Developmental Chart for Hearing and Speech

Find your child's age and answer the questions about their talking, hearing, and understanding.

Yes	No	Hearing and	Child's Age	Talking	Yes	No
		Understanding				
		 Does your child startle or cry at loud sounds? Does your child smile to friendly voices? Does your child look around for sounds? Does your child recognize mother's voice? Does your child notice toys that make sound? Does your child listen when spoken to? Does your child turn or look up 	7 Months to 1 Year	 Does your child make cooing and comfort sounds? Does your child cry differently for different needs? Does your child make many different types of sounds? Does your child make sounds in response to speech? Does your child laugh a lot? Does your child shout to get your attention? 		
		when you call his/her name? • Does your child understand simple requests? • Does your child understand a few words or phrases?		 Does your child make sounds like talking, but without real words? Does your child try to name familiar toys, people, or things? Does your child try to imitate words? 		
		 Does your child recognize the name of many familiar things? Does your child follow simple commands? Does your child listen to simple stories? Does your child recognize pictures of familiar people or objects? 	1 to 2 Years	 Has your child started to name pictures? Has your child started to use 1-2 words together? Is your child saying more and more words every month? Does your child use many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words? 		
		 Can your child answer simple questions about familiar events? Does your child understand most sentences directed to them? Can your child follow 2 step directions? Does your child understand differences in meaning ("go – stop": "in – on")? 	2 to 3 Years	 Does your child use 3 to 4 word sentences? Does your child ask "what" and "where" questions? Does your child mispronounce many sounds, but use some correctly? Does your child use "no" and "not" in phrases? Can you understand your child's speech most of the time? Does your child have a word for almost everything? 		
		 Does your child hear you when you call them from another room? Does your child hear television at the same loudness level as other family members? Does your child answer simple "who", "what", "why" questions? 	3 to 4 Years	 Does your child ask many questions, including why? Does your child use sentences about 4 – 5 words long? Can your child tell a simple story? Can your child generally be understood by strangers? 		

All Yes: Good!

Your child is developing hearing, speech and language normally.

1-2 No: Caution!

Your child may have delayed hearing, speech and language development.

3 or more No: Action!

Take your child for professional help.

No child is too young to be assessed.

If you are concerned about your child's development, contact a speech language pathologist at Vancouver Coastal Health.

Call your nearest community health centre or go to www.vch.ca