



Speech & Language

What to expect and when

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What happens?

- **Birth to 3 months** – Turns head to look for familiar voice and make vocal sounds such as cooing and gurgling.
- **3 to 6 months** - watches person's face when talking and makes vocal noises to get attention.
- **6 to 12 months** – Uses babbling to communicate, stops and looks when hears own name.
- **12 to 18 months** – makes sounds when reaching or pointing to something they want, have up to 20 single words although they may not be clear.
- **18 months to 2 years** – maintains attention on activities for 5-10 minutes, have up to 50 single words and beginning to put 2 words together.

Each little one is different and may do things at different times but in general there are a few milestones to look out for and encourage.

Remember you are the best 'toy' a child could have, any time chatting, playing or reading will help with your child's development, so make that time to play.

If you have concerns, please discuss this with your health visitor or a children's centre worker.



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