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Helping Children and Empowering Parents
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May is Better Speech & Hearing Month! To celebrate, Laguna Beach Language & Speech Clinic is offering free consultations to discuss your child's communication skills and school performance. Call Lynn Epstein, MS, SLP-CCC at 949 715 5845. Lynn Epstein is an ASHA certified therapist with over 25 years of experience. Laguna Beach Language & Speech Clinic is located in South Laguna. For more information about communication development, check out Lynn's Lessons at www.lagunabeachlanguagespeech.com

[Here's Laguna Beach Language & Speech Stages of Communication Guide for Preschoolers:](#)

[Communication Skills of 12-18 month old](#)

Communicative speech begins

15-20 words ("uh-oh" counts!), 1 word naming, 1 word responses

Understands basic action words, "sit", "sleep" "drink"
Recognizes familiar people and places
Points to objects

[Communication Skills of 18-24 month old](#)

Uses 1-2 words to make requests, comment on actions, inform and greet

Understands simple directions that relate to the routine
Play sequences and imagination starts to grow
Speech is sometimes unintelligible and includes articulation errors

Vocabulary blossoms to 200-300 words by age 2 years



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Communication skills of 2 year olds (2.0-2.11)

Names objects, family members and common actions

Forms 2-3 word combinations; “want juice” “my cup” “in the car” “where daddy?”

Starts to use commenting and “conversation” while playing with action toys and self.
Listens to stories with pictures
Uses greetings and points to objects to engage others

Communication skills of 3 year olds (3.0-3.11)

Sentences are 3-5 words long and vocabulary has expanded to almost 1000 words

Relates stories, state of being (I’m tired), recite some nursery rhymes and sing songs
Asks “what”, “where” and “who” questions with more frequency

Time, Space and Size Concepts emerge: “tonight” “next time” “under the chair” “big-little”

Attends to activities 8-10 minutes

May repeat sounds, words and phrases, but at this age, is considered normal

Communication skills of 4 year olds (4.0-4.11)

Sentences become more grammatically complex; verb tenses, contractions, possession
Reasoning skills are blossoming as lots of “how” and “why” questions are being asked
Follows 2 step directions and commands even when objects are not present
Imagination and play skills include “make believe” and cooperative play
Articulation of most sounds is mastered and speech is intelligible 85% of the time