

Laguna Beach Language & Speech Stages of Communication Guide



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

Understands simple directions

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

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

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