

Early Childhood Growth Chart

Age

What many children do...

If you have concerns about your child's Development, talk to a doctor or call 1-800-Early On.

Young Babies

Newborn

Babies listen and respond to your voice and other sounds; they tell their feelings by cooing, gurgling, smiling, and crying.

If your 3-month-old does not respond to your voice and other sounds.

3 to 8 Months

Babies play with sounds and they babble to themselves. They use sounds to communicate (smiling at the sounds of a happy voice, and crying or looking unhappy on hearing an angry voice). Babies can play peek-a-boo. They wave arms and kick feet to show excitement, and they enjoy being read to.

If your 8-month-old is not making several sounds or does not reach for and grasp objects.

Crawlers and Walkers

8 to 12 Months

Babies understand and respond to gestures, facial expressions, and changes in tone of voice. If someone asks, "Where's Mommy?" babies will look for their mother. Babies understand simple words, such as "Da Da." Babies put books in their mouths and turn pages in sturdy books.

If your baby does not look at people who talk to him or her. If your baby is not pointing at or making sounds to get what he or she wants, like favorite toys.

12 to 18 Months

Babies say first words. They understand a few words and simple directions. They know their own names. They will give you a toy if you ask for it. Babies create long babbling sentences and look at picture books with interest.

If your 18-month-old does not say more than a few words clearly.

Toddlers

18 to 24 Months

Toddlers put two or more words together to make short sentences like "want juice" or "car go." Toddlers learn new words quickly. They can copy adult sounds, words, and motions. Toddlers ask and answer simple questions. They can use crayons and markers for scribbling.

If your 20-month-old cannot follow simple request, such as "Come to Daddy." If your 24-month-old does not use two words together.

24 to 36 Months

Older toddlers listen to stories being read. They like to play pretend games. They love asking "why" questions. They use "no" and "not" a lot. Toddlers enjoy looking at picture books, turning pages, and naming objects they see. Their scribbling is becoming more like writing.

If your 2-year-old does not ask questions or respond to simple questions with "yes" or "no".

Preschoolers

3 to 4 Years

Your preschoolers make comments and requests, and tell others what to do. They can talk about things that happened and make up stories. They listen attentively to stories and retell stories themselves. They enjoy books that tell about real things as well as make-believe. They may revert to toddler behavior when feeling upset or shy. They make shapes such as circles and squares and pretend to write the way they have seen adults write.

If your 3-to-4-year-old does not use language freely, experiment with verbal sounds, and begin to use language to solve problems and learn concepts.



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