

Age	Language Levels
Birth	Cries
2-3 months	Cries differently depending on circumstances. Coos in response to people.
3-4 months	Babbles randomly
5-6 months	Babbles rhythmically
6-11 months	Babbles in imitation of real speech, with expression
12 months	Says 1-2 words; recognizes name; imitates familiar sounds; understands simple instructions.
18 months	Uses 5-20 words, including names
Between 1 and 2 years	Says 1-2 word phrases; vocab is growing; waves goodbye; makes “sounds” of familiar animals; uses words to make wants known; understands “no”
Between 2 and 3 years	Identifies body parts; calls self “me” instead of name; combines nouns and verbs; has a 450 word vocab; uses short sentences; matches 3-4 colours; knows big and little; likes to hear same stories; forms some plurals.
Between 3 and 4 years	Can tell a story; sentence length of 4-5 words; vocab of about 1000 words; knows last name, name of street, several nursery rhymes.
Between 4 and 5 years	Sentence length of 4-5 words; uses past tense; vocab of about 1500 words; identifies colours, shapes, asks many questions like “why?” and “who?”.
Between 5 and 6 years	Sentence length of 5-6 words, vocab of about 2000 words, can tell you what objects are made of; knows spatial relations (like “on top” and “far”); knows address; understands same and different, uses all types of sentences.