

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

EXPRESSIVE COMMUNICATION

BY 6 MONTHS

- smiles & laughs in response to adults
- imitates vocalizations

BY 9 MONTHS

- babbles (e.g., “ba ba da da”)
- uses gestures to get wants (e.g., reaches)

BY 12 MONTHS

- initiates communication with gestures (e.g., waves hello)
- begins to use single words

BY 18 MONTHS

- uses approximately 20 words

BY 24 MONTHS

- uses 100 or more words
- combines 2 or more words

BY 30 MONTHS

- uses 350+ words
- begins using some adult-like grammar
 - noun + verb-ing (e.g., dog running)
 - possessive nouns (e.g., daddy's car)
 - plurals (e.g., two dogs)

BY 3 YEARS

- uses sentences of 3 to 4 words in length
- continues building adult-like grammar
 - pronouns (e.g., he is running)
 - prepositions (e.g., in, on, off, over, under)

BY 4 YEARS

- uses sentences of 5 to 6 words in length
- sequences sentences together to tell a story
- uses adult-like grammar

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EXPRESSIVE COMMUNICATION
DEVELOPMENT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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