



Key Area: Oral Language

Now that I am 5 years old... I should be able to:

Speech and Language Developmental Milestones



Tips for Home

- Read stories and ask questions about the book.
- Encourage your child to retell stories using their own words.
- Make up stories using the pictures in textless books.
- Talk about past, present and future events with your child.
- Give your child the meaning of words they don't know.
- Plan and rehearse your child's news before going to the school news telling day.

Causes for Concern

- A small vocabulary.
- Only uses short sentences or sentences with grammatical errors.
- Can not retell an event or simple story even with support.
- Difficulty following instructions with two or more steps.
- Difficulty answering how, when and why questions.
- Child's speech is difficult to understand.
- Poor conversation and social skills.
- Does not enjoy listening to stories.
- Short attention span.

Should you have any concerns about your child's development, consult a Speech Pathologist.



Understanding/Listening

- Follow 3-step instructions, eg: "Get your book, put it in your bag and then put your bag by the door."
- Follow instructions containing the words 'first', 'last' and 'after'.
- Understand everything said to me (age appropriate).
- Answer 'when', 'why' and 'what' questions.
- Understand opposites (hot and cold), location words (next to, between, in front).
- Understand humour and laugh at jokes.

Speaking

- By 5 years old, children should be very verbal with a spoken vocabulary of 2000 words.
- Speak intelligibly with a few speech immaturities remaining.
- Use basically adult like grammar.
- Tell news or stories without any assistance.
- Retell a story accurately.
- Participate in long detailed conversations with a range of people.
- Explain why something happened.

Play and Social Skills

- Enjoy social communication with a variety of people.
- Make friends and engage easily with peers.
- Play fairly in simple games with rules.
- Engage in complex imaginary play.
- Join in and start conversations.
- Use an extensive vocabulary to express ideas and request information.

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