

# Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Emergent Literacy

*Child engages in pre-reading behavior*

**These observations involve the  
following developmental skills:**

- Awareness of speech, sounds, & rhyming
- Language & communication
- Vocabulary building
- Print awareness
- Choosing books independently, holds books correctly, & imitates reading behaviors
- Interacts & responds to a variety of books

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*Child is developing a sense of print*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Language & communication
- Creative development
- Self-confidence
- Thinking, reasoning & problem-solving
- Print awareness
- Reading/handwriting development
- Fine motor

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*Child names and/or describes their buildings/structures*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Descriptive vocabulary
- Discrimination of attributes
- Language and communication
- Self-confidence
- Independence
- Memory recall
- Spatial awareness

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*Child separates four-word sentence into individual words*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory skills
- Identification of patterns & sequences of language
- Phonological awareness
- One-to-one correspondence
- Emergent reading skills

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*Child segments syllables while clapping their name and/or familiar words*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory skills
- Identification of patterns & sequences of language
- Phonological awareness
- One-to-one correspondence
- Beginning to recognize word blends
- Emergent reading skills

## Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Emergent Literacy

*Child listens for and produces words that begin with the same beginning sound*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory memory
- Receptive & expressive language
- Identification of patterns & sequences of language
- Phonological awareness
- Self-confidence

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*Child listens for and repeats rhyming words*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory memory
- Receptive & expressive language
- Identification of patterns & sequences of language
- Phonological awareness
- Self-confidence

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*Child recognizes letters of the alphabet*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Memorization
- Identification of letter shapes
- Pre-reading
- Self-confidence

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*Child is beginning to connect letters and their sounds*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Phonological awareness
- Pre-reading
- Letter recognition
- Self-confidence

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*Child asks and answers questions related to the story*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory memory
- Attention span
- Receptive & expressive language
- Thinking, reasoning, & problem solving
- Comprehension
- Self-confidence

# Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Emergent Literacy

*Child listens to and recalls order of events in stories*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Auditory memory/recall
- Receptive & expressive language
- Thinking, reasoning, & problem solving
- Comprehension
- Sorting, categorizing, & sequencing
- Understanding of ordinal terms
- Self-confidence

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*Child makes predictions about the text*

**These observations involve the  
following developmental skills:**

- Receptive & expressive language
- Thinking, reasoning, & problem solving
- Creativity & imagination
- Comprehension
- Describing, relating, categorizing, & comparing/contrasting
- Self-confidence

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*Child dramatizes adult-authored stories*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Vocabulary building
- Creativity & imagination
- Expressive language
- Dramatization of plot/characters
- Interpersonal communication
- Cooperation with others
- Self-confidence

# Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Emergent Literacy

*Child dictates & dramatizes own stories*

**These observations involve the following developmental skills:**

- Knowledge of narrative process
- Vocabulary building
- Creativity & imagination
- Expressive language
- Dramatization of plot/characters
- Understanding relationship of spoken & written language
- Comprehension