

Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Language & Communication

Child points with index finger to communicate

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Self-awareness
- Communication skills
- Self-help skills
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Self-confidence

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Child speaks in jargon or nonsense phrases (babbling)

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Self-awareness
- Interactions with others
- Recognition of sounds/tones
- Vocal development
- Self-confidence
- Beginning of expressive language

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Child looks at person who calls their name or is speaking

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory awareness/discrimination
- Focus and attention span
- Ability to respond to sound
- Social responsiveness

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Child begins to imitate sounds

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Self-awareness
- Recognition of sounds/tones
- Vocal development
- Auditory discrimination
- Self-confidence
- Emotional and social responsiveness

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Child expresses a variety of emotions to communicate wants and needs

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Language & communication (identifying emotions)
- Beginning intrapersonal thinking
- Thinking and reasoning
- Self-awareness
- Vocal development

Self-confidence

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Child understands what "no" means

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory processing
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Language & communication skills
- Following directions
- Self-confidence
- Memory recall

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Child says first words by 9 to 12 months

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Language & communication skills
- Memory
- Auditory discrimination
- Emotional & social responsiveness
- Self-confidence
- Vocabulary development

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Child asks to continue a game by signing or saying "more"

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Expressive language
- Auditory memory
- Interpersonal communication
- Self-confidence
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Social responsiveness

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Child uses gestures, signs, or actions to communicate wants or needs

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory/visual processing
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Expressive language development
- Self-confidence
- Interactions with others
- Self-awareness

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Child begins to make familiar animal sounds

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Emotional & social responsiveness
- Memory recall
- Auditory discrimination
- Vocal development
- Recognition of sounds
- Self-confidence

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Child begins to respond with body language or words to simple questions

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory processing
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Language & communication skills
- Following directions
- Self-confidence
- Expressive and receptive language skills

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Child uses simple words along with hand motions to communicate

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory processing
- Memory recall
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Language & communication skills
- Self-confidence
- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Expressive and receptive language development

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Child attempts to name people and objects using words or word approximations

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Visual discrimination
- Memory recall
- Thinking; reasoning
- Self-confidence
- Vocabulary development
- Auditory discrimination

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Child follows simple instructions

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory processing
- Thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving
- Language & communication skills
- Following directions
- Self-confidence
- Establishing self-help skills

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Child uses approximately 20 to 100 words in home language

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory processing
- Memory recall
- Language & communication skills
- Self-confidence
- Verbal/vocabulary development
- Expressive and receptive language development

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Child understands names of familiar objects (cup, banana, juice, etc.)

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Visual discrimination
- Memory recall
- Auditory discrimination
- Thinking; reasoning
- Self-confidence
- Vocabulary development