



# WHEN DO BABIES START TALKING?

27 speech milestones every parent should track

## CRYING

0 to 2 months.



## COMFORT SOUNDS

0 to 3 months.

Comfort sounds are typically short and connected with body movements.



## SUCKING SOUNDS

0 to 3 months.



## RHYTHMIC CRYING

2 to 5 months.



## COOS, OOHs AND AHHS

Coos, oohs, ahhs, and crying are all how a baby first communicates his or her wants and needs.



2 to 7 months.

## DISCONNECTS VOCALIZATION AND MOVEMENT

## BABY BABBLE

4 to 6 months.



## FIRST WORDS

5 to 9 months.

Your baby may start to say repetitive sounds and syllables by 6 months. Listen for baby words like "baba," "dada," and "yaya."



## VOCALIZING

7 to 9 months.



7 to 12 months.

## BABBLING WITH INFLECTION

8 to 12 months.

## SINGLE CONSONANT BABBLING

## FREQUENT CONSONANT SOUNDS

10 to 15 months.

In order of difficulty (B, M, P, D, T, N, G, K, W, H, F, V, Th, S, Z, L, R), your baby will begin to make consonant sounds during his or her baby babble.



## BABBLES ALONE

11 to 12 months.



## WALKING TALKING PLATEAU

11 to 15 months.

Congratulations! Your little one is now walking. This is a huge physical milestone that naturally causes your child to plateau in his speech development. It is common for babies to not be able to talk while walking at this stage.



12 to 17 months.

## DISTORTS WORDS

12 to 18 months.

## BEGINNINGS OF JARGON

12 to 21 months.

## BUILDING VOCABULARY

## JABBERS WHILE PLAYING

17 to 19 months.

At around 17 months, your baby will begin to say a variety of syllables with different sound combinations, much like he or she is having a conversation



## USES JARGON WELL

18 to 22 months.

## COPIES SOUNDS FROM ENVIRONMENT

10 to 24 months.

22 to 24 months.

## USES WORDS 65% OF THE TIME

## MASTERS JARGON

22 to 24 months.



## CLEAR CONSONANT SOUNDS

22 to 24 months.

By 2 years old, in order of difficulty (P, B, M, K, G, W, H, N, T, D), your baby will begin to make these consonant sounds more



## SOME CORRECT WORDS

28 to 32 months.



## SIMPLE SENTENCES

29 to 31 months.

By 2 years old, in order of difficulty (P, B, M, K, G, W, H, N, T, D), your baby will begin to make these consonant sounds more clearly.



## REPEATING WORDS

29 to 36 months.



## SOPHISTICATED TALKER

35 to 48 months.

Now, that your little one is 3 years old, he or she is likely talking up a storm. At this stage, he or she should be able to carry on a conversation. Understanding your child's speech should also be much easier at this stage.

## Language Development Activities



Read the entire guide with all 27 milestones and find inspiration for fun and engaging language activities for babies and toddlers at our website:

<https://www.adam-mila.com/milestones/language-development/speaking/>