



2 to 3 Years

Understanding and Hearing

- Understands differences in meaning ("go-stop," "in-on," "big-little").
- Notices sounds (telephone ringing, television sounds, knocking at the door).
- Follows two requests ("Get the book and put it on the table.").

Talking

- Has a word for almost everything.
- Uses two-three-word "sentences" to talk about and ask for things.
- Speech is understood by familiar listeners most of the time.

3 to 4 Years

Understanding and Hearing

- Hears you when you call from another room.
- Hears television or radio at the same loudness level as other family members.
- Understands simple, "who," "what," "where" questions.

Talking

- Talks about activities at school or at friends' homes.
- Usually talks easily without repeating syllables or words.
- People outside family usually understand child's speech.
- Uses many sentences with four or more words.