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Speech, Occupational, & Physical Therapy

How do I know if my preschool child needs speech-language services?

AGE 2 – 3 YEARS

- 1. Speech is 50%-75% intelligible
- 2. Verbalizes toilet needs, matches colors, request items by name
- 3. Identifies several body parts
- 4. Follows two-part commands
- 5. Uses two-to-three word phrases
- 6. Has a receptive vocabulary of 500-900 more words
- 7. Has an expressive vocabulary of 50-250 more words
- 8. Answers “where” and “what” questions
- 9. Can produce the sounds: /m, n, ng, p, f, h, and w/

AGE 4 – 5 YEARS

- 1. Counts to ten by rote
- 2. Has a receptive vocabulary of 10,000 or more words
- 3. Has an expressive vocabulary of 900-2,000 more words
- 4. Listens to short, simple stories and can answer questions about them
- 5. Uses sentences of four to five words
- 6. Accurately tells about experiences at school, home, at friends', etc
- 7. Can produce the sounds: /m, n, ng, p, f, h, w, y, k, b, d, g, r, s, sh, ch/

If your child is experiencing problems on this checklist, speech-language intervention may be helpful. Contact your local speech-language pathologist for more information at 985.449.0944.