Understanding Your Child Checklist

This checklist is based on a range of statements relating to speech and communication in children between 24 and 36 months and is designed as a guide only.



yes	no	
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child uses about 50 words or more
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child uses lots of consonant sounds when they talk, like p, b, m, w, k, g, t and d
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child follows simple instructions like 'show Daddy' or 'find your teddy' or 'put your toys in the box'
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child understands simple action words such as 'sleep', 'eat', 'run' or 'fall'
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child has started putting short sentences of two to four words together, like 'more juice' or 'Mommy sit down'
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	People understand what my child is saying most of the time
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child asks lots of questions like 'what's that?' or 'who's that?'
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child will sit and listen to me reading from simple story and picture books
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child clearly communicates their need for potty or toilet
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child enjoys pretend play (making a box into a car or a boat) or pretending to do things like cooking, driving a bus or feeding lunch to teddy
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child talks about themselves, for example what they like or don't like
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child understands simple facial expressions such as when I'm upset or happy
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child listens carefully and concentrates when someone is talking to them
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child recognizes danger and seeks the support of an adult for help
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child likes to talk to me or have a conversation
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child joins in other children's games
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child shows concern if another child is hurt or sad
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child enjoys getting attention and wants to show me what they can do
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child enjoys playing with a range of toys
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child likes imaginative play such as feeding or dressing dolls or cuddly toys
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child likes to copy what other children or adults are doing
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child enjoys playing with new toys
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	My child turns to me and responds when I say their name.

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