

DEVELOPMENTAL RED FLAGS

If your child exhibits any of these "red flags," they may have a receptive-expressive language delay or disorder. Both receptive and expressive language skills are considered foundational to proficiency in reading comprehension and written expression. Early intervention is recommended to support overall language and literacy development.



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3-6 MONTHS

No attempt to imitate sounds or facial expressions.

6-9 MONTHS

No vocal play or babbling (e.g., baba, mama)

1 YEAR

Buhbuh

No first word, no use of simple gestures or jargon (i.e., nonsense words with adult-like intonation)

2 YEARS

No 2-word utterances (e.g., daddy up) and does not say up to 300 words



3 YEARS

No short sentences (e.g., I want sit down.)



4-5 YEARS

Hard to understand in conversation with unfamiliar or familiar listeners. Has difficulty saying sentences that make sense and responding to questions.



