



EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 1 to 2 YEAR OLD

Receptively the child will:

1. Respond to commands, sit down, stand up
2. Put together new things
3. Look for familiar objects/people when missing
4. Respond to 2-part commands (i.e. Put the doll in the bed)
5. Build with blocks, puts in pegs
6. Identifies up to 6 body parts
7. Points to pictures when named
8. Enjoys listening to simple stories
9. Identifies 3 objects by use/function
10. Listens to own speech, talks to self
11. Understands prepositions (in, on, in back)

Expressively the child will:

1. Increase his/her vocabulary from 10 to 20 words at 18 months to 200 to 500 words by 24 months
2. Start to rely more on words and less on gestures to get ideas across
3. Use both nouns and verbs (see, more, want, go)
4. Name pictures
5. Start combining 2 or more words
6. Say no
7. Use jargon (peaks at 18 months, but should be gone by 24 months)
8. Begin to use adjectives and adverbs (i.e. good, bad, nice, hot, cold)
9. Ask questions (what, where)
10. Start using pronouns: mine, me, you, I

Socially the child will:

1. Parallel play
2. Drop toys to get attention
3. Start cooperative dressing, puts on shoes
4. Drink from a cup; uses a spoon
5. Imitate simple acts
6. Love throwing objects
7. Like rhymes and jingles
8. Love to help put things away and dumping things out
9. Like to be read to
10. Love to dress up
11. Like to control others