



**2 ½
Years**

Developmental Milestones

Does your child...

Receptive Language

- Understand "big," "little," and "wet?"
- Follow 2-step directions (e.g. "get your cup and put it in the sink")?
- Understand simple spatial concepts (e.g. "in," "off," and "out of")?
- Recognize verbs in pictures?
- Understand simple pronouns?
- Identify clothing items?

Expressive Language

- Have a vocabulary of about 450 words?
- Combine 2-4 words to make sentences?
- Give his/her first name when asked, "What's your name?"
- Use plurals (e.g. blocks, cars)?
- Answer "what" questions (e.g. "What does daddy have?")

Pragmatic Language

- Try to sustain your attention (e.g. "watch me!")?
- Like to hear common stories repeated?
- Play with other children?
- Talk and verbalize more in play around other children?
- Share toys with other children?

Articulation

- Speak clearly enough for you to understand 70% of his/her speech?

Gross Motor

- Walk down 4 steps without support?
- Jump down from object 16 in. high without assistance?
- Walk on tip-toes for 5 steps?
- Attempt to catch a ball by bending arms toward his/her chest?
- Kick or throw a ball 6-7 feet?

Fine Motor

- Remove a screw-on lid from a bottle?
- Stack 8-10 blocks?
- Cut paper?
- Draw horizontal lines?

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