

## 9-12 Year Old Developmental Checklist

Developmental Checklist	Yes	Sometimes	Not Yet
Able to read 120-150 words per minute (10 year old), 150-180 words per minute (11 year old) or 180+ words per minute (12 year old)			
Attempts to use large, complex or sophisticated words (even if not correctly)			
Starts to understand sarcasm when it is most obvious			
Understands different types of questions and responds accordingly (i.e., open-ended, close-ended and rhetorical questions)			
Able to recognize idioms but doesn't always know its meaning			
Recognizes when a sentence is not grammatically correct			
Can tell extravagant and amusing stories or previous/future events that contain sub-plots leading up to the main story line			
Negotiates with peers and adults by suggesting other possible options			
Recognizes when others do not understand and will try to explain			
Will listen to information and should be able to work out which aspects are key and make appropriate related comments			
Should be able to identify when they haven't understood and should ask specific additional information to clarify			
Able to infer meanings, reasons and predictions from what is being said			
Can use a range of words that are related to time and measurement			
Uses a range of verbs to demonstrate cause/effect or express thoughts			
Draws inferences and generalizations from text and supports with evidence			
By the time a child is 12 years old, he/she will understand (have a receptive vocabulary) about 50.000 words			

If your child is *not* demonstrating the above developmental skills, contact us to schedule a no-cost phone consultation. It is better to call now, than to "wait and worry". We will help you determine if your child is experiencing normal variations in development or if your child could benefit from therapy. Often, short term intervention is all that is needed to prevent future social or academic concerns.

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