

18-Month Old Developmental Checklist

Developmental Checklist	Yes	Sometimes	Not Yet
Uses simple objects appropriately (e.g., hits pegs with play hammer)			
Imitates adult actions (e.g., pretends to sweep, wipe tables)			
Points to pictures that <i>you name</i> in books (e.g., "doogie, ball, baby")			
Names at least ten objects, actions and familiar people (e.g., cookie, shoe, go, all done, mommy, daddy)			
Asks you to tell him/her the names of objects and pictures (e.g., "What's that?")			
Shakes or nods head in response to simple yes/no questions and says "no" to some questions			
Points to major body parts when asked (e.g., hands, legs, head)			
Uses words more often than gestures to communicate			
Makes animal sounds during play activities			
Refers to self by name			
Talks as if he/she is reading while looking at picture books			
Imitates what you say without struggling to form the sounds			
Uses vowel sounds accurately			
Uses at least "m, p, n, w, th, t" in his/her speech			
You understand most of your child's speech			
Increases his/her amount of talking as activity level increases			

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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