




# YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH AND HEARING

Hearing and Understanding	Child's Age	Talking
<p>Does your child hear and understand most of what is said at home and in school?</p> <p>Does everyone who knows your child think he/she hears well (teacher, baby sitter, grandparent, etc.)?</p> <p>Does your child pay attention to a story and answer simple questions about it?</p>	<p><b>4½-5 YEARS</b></p> 	<p>Does your child communicate easily with other children and adults?</p> <p>Does your child say all sounds correctly except maybe one or two?</p> <p>Does your child use the same grammar as the rest of the family?</p> <hr/> <p>Does your child's voice sound clear like other children's?</p> <p>Does your child use sentences that give lots of details (e.g., "I have two red balls at home")?</p> <p>Can your child tell you a story and stick pretty much to the topic?</p>
<p>Does your child hear you when you call from another room?</p> <p>Does your child hear television or radio at the same loudness level as other members of the family?</p> <p>Does your child answer simple "who," "what," "where," "why" questions?</p>	<p><b>3-4 YEARS</b></p> 	<p>Does your child talk about what he/she does at school or at friends' homes?</p> <p>Does your child say most sounds correctly except a few, like <i>r</i>, <i>l</i>, <i>th</i> and <i>s</i>?</p> <p>Does your child usually talk easily without repeating syllables or words?</p> <p>Do people outside your family usually understand your child's speech?</p> <p>Does your child use a lot of sentences that have 4 or more words?</p>
<p>Does your child understand differences in meaning ("go-stop"; "in-on"; "big-little"; "up-down")?</p> <p>Does your child continue to notice sounds (telephone ringing, television sound, knocking at the door)?</p> <p>Can your child follow two requests ("get the ball and put it on the table")?</p>	<p><b>2-3 YEARS</b></p>	<p>Does your child have a word for almost everything?</p> <p>Does your child use 2-3 word "sentences" to talk about and ask for things?</p> <p>Do you understand your child's speech most of the time?</p> <p>Does your child often ask for or direct your attention to objects by naming them?</p>
<p>Can your child point to pictures in a book when they are named?</p> <p>Does your child point to a few body parts when asked?</p> <p>Can your child follow simple commands and understand simple questions ("Roll the ball," "Kiss the baby," "Where's your shoe")?</p> <p>Does your child listen to simple stories, songs, and rhymes?</p>	<p><b>1-2 YEARS</b></p> 	<p>Is your child saying more and more words every month?</p> <p>Does your child use some 1-2 word questions ("where kitty?" "go bye-bye?" "what's that"?)?</p> <p>Does your child put 2 words together ("more cookie," "no juice," "mommy block")?</p> <p>Does your child use many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words?</p>