

Vocabulary development

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your child's
vocabulary skills?

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LEARNING VOCABULARY

Babies begin to say their first words around 1 years old. They typically begin to understand or recognize more words than they are able to say or use. A toddler may only say 5 different words, but understand a lot more! Typically, first words are nouns that they are familiar with and exposed to frequently (e.g., mama, dada, baby, bottle, more).



AGE

VOCABULARY

1-1.5 years	Toddlers say their first words around 1 years old and can have up to 20+ vocabulary words at this time.
2 years	By the time toddlers reach around 2 years old, they will have around 200-300 words.
3 years	At 3 years of age, toddlers have around 900+ words. They start to put 1-3 word sentences together
4 years	At 4 years old, a child will have about 1500+ word vocabulary.
5 years	By the time a child reaches school age, they develop around 2000+ words.
6 years	At 6 years old, a child usually has 2600 expressive vocabulary words, but can understand 20,000+
12 years	By the time a child is 12 years old they should be able to understand about 50,000+ words.



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