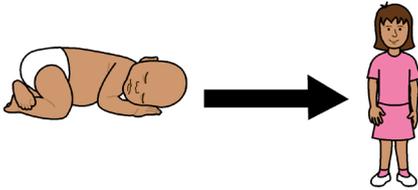
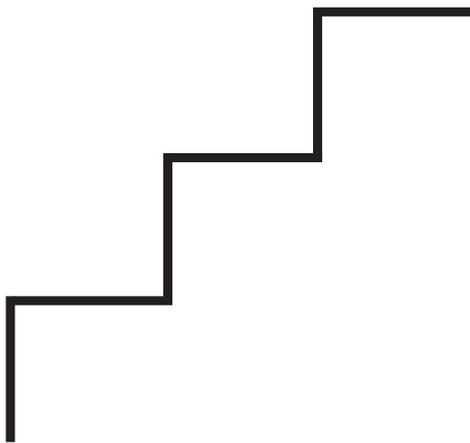


Learning speech



0 to 3 years old

From 0 to 3 years old a child learns lots of language and speech. This is an important part of growing up.



What are the normal stages?

Each child learns at different times

but

most children should reach milestones or levels.

These are called normal stages.



Babies

0 to 1 year old

Babies

- hear and know their parents' sounds
- babble, like baba and babamada. Babble starts to sound more like real words.

Between 0 to 3 months babies

- cry
 - coo
 - smile
- and**
- make eye contact.

Between 3 to 6 months babies also

- point
- blow raspberries
- laugh.



Between 6 to 9 months babies

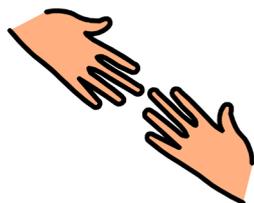
- babble
- make lip sounds like “b” and “m”
- make a few sounds together.

Between 9 to 12 months babies use more sounds, like d, m, n, h, w, t.

About 12 months babies begin to use words

Babies still find it hard to say lots of words.

For example, biscuit might sound like “bi”.



How can parents help?

- Talk to your child
- Copy your child

For information read the Fact Sheet -
Helping your baby to talk.

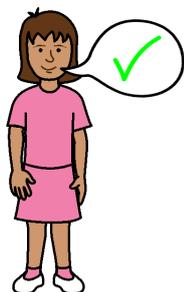


Toddlers

1 to 3 years

Toddlers

- say **lots** more words
- speech is easier to understand.

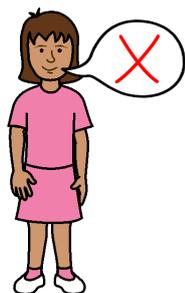


At 2 years old, you should understand half of a toddler's speech.

At 3 years old, family and friends should understand most speech.

What can most toddlers do?

- By 2 years old toddlers can say lots of speech sounds, like p, b, m, t, d, n, h, w
- By 3 years old toddlers can say even more sounds, like k, g, f, s, ng.



What do many toddlers still find hard?

Saying sounds the right way all the time.

For example,

- “tat” for cat
- “pam” for pram.

Toddlers can be harder to understand when they are say longer sentences.



How can parents help?

Show how to say words the right way.

This is called modelling.



When to contact a speech pathologist?

Contact a speech pathologist when

- you think your toddler’s speech is very hard to understand
- your child is using gestures and grunts, **not** words
- you are worried about your child’s speech
- your child does **not** meet the normal stages.



Who else can help?

You can get your child's hearing checked.

Contact an audiologist for a hearing test.



For more information look at the Fact Sheet - Learning speech. Preschool and school aged children.



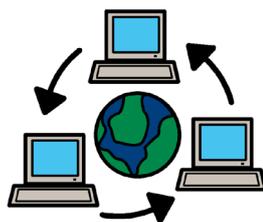
Where can you get help?

Contact a speech pathologist in your local area.

Speech pathologists can

- do an assessment
- give advice
- give therapy
- find the right tools for you.

Find a local speech pathologist



Speech Pathology Australia

Website www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

Click on - Find a Speech Pathologist.



How do you become a speech pathologist?

You need to do a course at University.

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