SureStart Talking Matters

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	Social Skills	Play & General Learning skills	Listening & understanding	Expressive skills
Usually acquired by 12 months	Smiles back at you when you are smiling at them Responds differently to strangers than to familiar people Makes noise to get your attention Looks to see if you are watching them when they are playing	Enjoys games such as peek-a-boo & round and round the garden Uses everyday objects appropriately Is interested in a range of different play things e.g. soft toys, bricks, books Follows moving objects with their eyes & will look to find hidden objects	Turns toward unexpected sound Listens when spoken to Responds to their name Responds to very simple directions e.g. "wave bye-byewhere's your nose?" Recognises objects by their sound e.g. cat, aeroplane etc	Babbles using strings of different sounds Uses sounds or body movements To show needs and emotions Makes simple meaningful gestures e.g. pointing, waving Copies sounds e.g. "oh-oh", facial expressions and gestures
Usually acquired by 18 months	Will start or initiate interaction with others e.g. by giving them things or pointing Accepts presence of others when involved in same activity Starting to take turns e.g. rolling a ball between adult and child Helps put things away Looks at what you are pointing to or talking about	Starts / initiates play independently Beginning 'pretend' play with toys e.g. puts teddy to bed Involves other people in pretend play Will play with a variety of different toys e.g. cars, animals, books	Pointing to pictures in a book when asked to "Find the" Points to 3 or more familiar body parts when named e.g. eyes, nose, mouth Understands simple, familiar Phrases e.g. "Fetch you shoes" Has a short attention span of a few seconds e.g. looking at books	Uses approximately 10 words Has a go at saying new words Says no!! Makes sounds of familiar animals Uses words such as "more" to make wants known
Usually acquired by 24 months	Recognises self in a mirror or picture Refers to self by name Watches other children and joins in briefly with their play Looks at your face when talking with you Co-operates in activities with familiar adults	Is able to match 2 similar objects Beginning to enjoy playing with miniature toys e.g. dolls house material Puts at least two actions together during pretend play e.g. pours drink then gives it to teddy	Understands most everyday words and actions Listens to short, simple stories with pictures Beginning to understand the words "in" & "on" Can follow instructions with 2 important words e.g. "Give mummy the spoon"	May use as many as 20—50 single words Keen to copy new words Starting to join 2 words together e.g. "more juice nanny car" Starting to use questions e.g. "What's that?"