

## Typical development of speech

### Young babies (pre-linguistic stage)

- Makes eye contact with those who are speaking
- Uses facial expressions to interact with others
- Uses noises to communicate emotions



### 12 months plus

- Uses one or more words
- Points to something and names it



### 18 months plus

- Learns up to 10 new words a day
- Puts two or three word sentences together
- Starts to use some grammatical constructions

### 2 years plus

- Learns new words very quickly
- Starts to include pronouns: I, me, you
- Starts to string nouns and verbs together into sentences
- Begins to use plurals
- Uses questions frequently



### 3 years plus

- People other than parents can understand speech
- Begins to hold sustained conversations
- Adapts tone, speech patterns and words depending on who she is talking with
- Says name and his age
- Talks to self while playing

### 4 years plus

- Can narrate a sequence of events ('First we ..., then we ...')
- Uses language with his peers to share, take turns, squabble
- Starts to use language to describe other people's emotions (empathy)
- Ask lots of questions
- Speech clearly understandable, with few mistakes



### 5 years plus

- Creates properly constructed sentences when speaking
- Has a wide vocabulary
- Can offer opinions during a discussion

