

# COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

## What to look for *ages 3-5*

As your child progresses through the stages of communication and language development, they'll perform actions, make noises, speak, and express themselves based on the cognitive and motor skills they learn, as well as how they experience the world around them.

Here are a few ways you'll notice these developments as they happen:

### **3** *years*

- Begins to correctly use plurals, pronouns, and prepositions
- Follows 2-3 step directions with concepts like "under," "behind," and "next to"
- Uses a variety of sentences with four or more words to communicate ideas, needs, and wants
- Says their full name, age, and gender

### **4** *years*

- Tells short stories and can describe something that has happened to them
- Sings songs and says rhymes from memory
- Communicates clearly enough to be understood by strangers
- Uses verbs ending in "ing"

### **5** *years*

- Carries on a full conversation with other people
- Uses future tense and understands words for time, like "yesterday," "today," and "tomorrow"
- Talks in different ways, depending on the listener and the place
- Can define simple words



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