

We strongly recommend that you seek help from a Speech Pathologist if your child:

By 12 months

- ☐ Does not babble with changes in tone – e.g. dada**dadadadadadada**
- ☐ Does not use gestures like waving “bye bye” or shaking head for “no”
- ☐ Does not respond to her/his name
- ☐ Does not communicate in some way when s/he needs help with something

By 15 months

- ☐ Does not understand and respond to words like "no" and "up"
- ☐ Says no words
- ☐ Does not point to objects or pictures when asked “Where’s the...?”
- ☐ Does not point to things of interest as if to say “Look at that!” and then look right at you

By 18 months

- ☐ Does not understand simple commands like "Don't touch"
- ☐ Is not using at least 20 single words like "Mommy" or "up"
- ☐ Does not respond with a word or gesture to a question such as “What’s that?” or “Where’s your shoe?”
- ☐ Is unable to point to 3 or 3 body parts such as head, nose, eyes, feet

By 24 months

- ☐ says fewer than 100 words
- ☐ Is not consistently joining two words together like "Daddy go" or “ shoes on”
- ☐ Does not imitate actions or words
- ☐ Does not pretend with toys, such as feeding doll or making toy man drive toy car

By 30 months

- ☐ says fewer than 300 words
- ☐ Is not using action words like “run”, “eat”, “fall”
- ☐ Is not using some adult grammar, such as “two babiess” and “doggie sleepinging”

3 years

- ☐ Does not ask questions by 3 years
- ☐ Is not using sentences (e.g., "I don't want that" or "My truck is broken") by three years
- ☐ Is not able to tell a simple story by four or five years

4 years

- ☐ Does not understand most of what they hear
- ☐ Does not have a basic conversation
- ☐ Does not have 900 to 1,000-word vocabulary
- ☐ Does not use three to six-word sentences
- ☐ Does not tell stories
- ☐ Occasional stuttering or stammering is normal in preschoolers

5 years

- ☐ Does not communicate easily with other children and adults
- ☐ Does not articulate most English sounds correctly
- ☐ Does not use detailed six to eight-word sentences
- ☐ Does not tell stories that stay on topic
- ☐ Does not answer questions about stories
- ☐ Does not pay attention when you are talking

#### School Age

- ☐ Does not follow three consecutive commands
- ☐ Does not use descriptive words and compound and complex sentences
- ☐ Does not know all the vowels and consonants
- ☐ Does not use correct grammar most of the time

If you've noticed one or more of these warning signs in your child, it's important that you take action right away to ensure your child receives the help he needs.

Ref: <http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/When-You-Are-Concerned/Warning-Signs.aspx>