



## WHEN TO CONSULT WITH A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

### TODDLERS

#### At 18 months:

- uses less than 10-20 words
- does not follow simple directions

#### At 2 years:

- uses less than 200-300 words
- does not use 2-word utterances
- does not understand simple language or has difficulty following directions
- speech <50% intelligible to others

#### At 2 ½ years:

- speech is frequently unintelligible
- does not understand spoken language or unable to follow directions
- trouble talking or playing with children

#### At 3 years:

- not using 3-word utterances
- limited vocabulary
- does not understand spoken language or unable to follow directions
- speech <75% intelligible to others

#### At 4 years:

- not using sentences longer than 4 words
- cannot retell stories or talk about past
- speech is less than 75-90% intelligible



### SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

- errors in speech and language
- frequent misunderstandings in communication with others
- difficulties learning to read and write

### CHILDREN AT ANY AGE

- the child is frustrated, has poor self-esteem, or is being teased due to possible speech and language difficulties
- stuttering – hesitations (“I’m...Ethan”), prolongations (“ssorry”), and/or repetitions (“th-th-that”) that do not go away or improve after 6 months and/or that cause frustration and tension
- when a parent is concerned – especially when there is a family history of communication difficulties



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