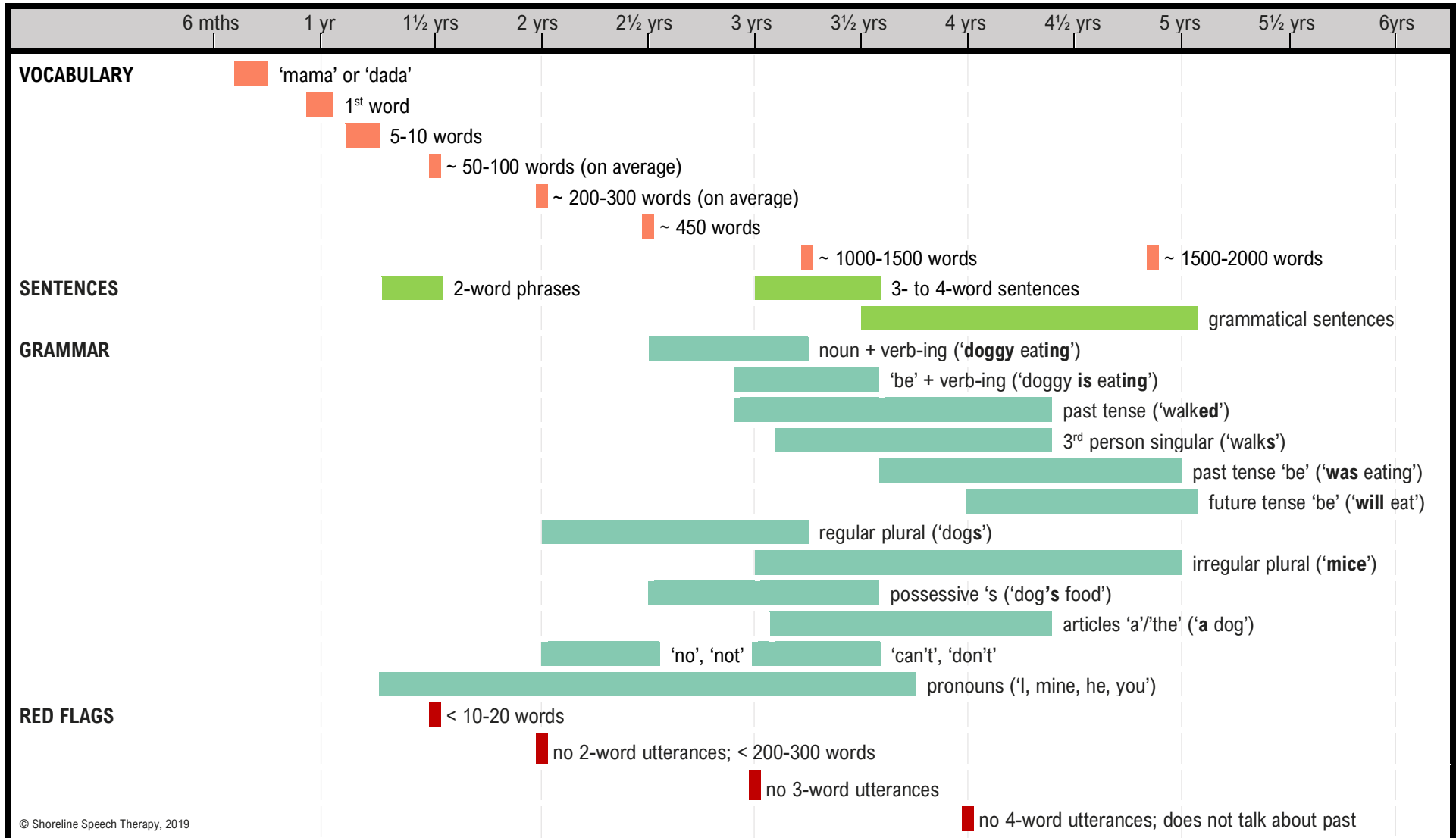




Early Development of Expressive Language: A Guide for Parents

This graph presents *general information* for parents. Judgment about whether a specific child is meeting their milestones for communication development requires a comprehensive evaluation by a speech-language pathologist (S-LP). During assessment, S-LPs consider specific information such as gender, age, language exposure, and dialect. They also evaluate what the child understands, their social communication, speech sound acquisition, and aspects of expressive language not included in this chart. These bars represent a process of skills *emerging* and eventually becoming mastered. If a form is *emerging*, it's present but not always used correctly. If a form is *mastered*, the form is consistently used correctly.



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