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GUIDELINES FOR NORMAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Resource & Referral Handout

YEARS

2-3
1. Names 10 to 20 pictures of common objects.
2. Verbally communicates needs.
3. Gives name.
4. Tells age.
5. Begins to ask questions, e.g., "Me play?"
6. Begins to use plurals (regular form).
7. Talks in 2 to 3 word phrases or sentences.
8. Vocabulary consists of 100 to 400 words or more.
9. Begins to use personal pronouns, "I," "me," "you."
10. Prepositions--knows 1 or 2.

3-4
1. Talks in sentences ranging from 4 to 6 words.
2. Use of plurals more solidly developed.
3. Personal pronouns "he" and "she" beginning to be used.
4. Vocabulary of 400 to 800 words or more.
5. Begins to use verb+ "ing" (i.e., is playing).
6. Begins to participate in verbal conversation.
7. Relates experiences.
8. Questions beginning with "where," "what," and "why"
9. Repeats 3 digits.
10. Prepositions--knows 3 or 4 more.

5-6
1. Communicates well with family and friends.
2. Gives and receives information.
3. Can take turns in conversation.
4. Talks in sentences ranging from 5 to 10 words.
5. Correct subject/verb agreement (regular form) beginning to be used.
6. Questions beginning with "where," "what," "why," "when," and "how" beginning to be used.
7. Interrogative reversal questions develop as, "Is Mommy going?"
8. Vocabulary of 1,000 to 2,000 words or more.
9. Gives first and last name.
10. Repeats 4 digits.