

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SCALES

(Adapted from Various Sources: Gesell, Doll, etc.)

4 WEEKS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he cry?
- _____ 2. Does he cry a great deal?
- _____ 3. Is his cry loud and strong?
- _____ 4. Does his cry change with environmental conditions?
- _____ 5. Does he make throaty noises?
- _____ 6. Does he smile when you talk to him?
- _____ 7. Does he follow you with his eyes as you walk around the room?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he react to your presence?
- _____ 2. Does he startle when a loud noise is introduced?
- _____ 3. Does he blink his eyes with a loud noise?

16 WEEKS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he coo?
- _____ 2. Does he laugh? out loud?
- _____ 3. Does he smile at your approach?
- _____ 4. Can you get him to talk back to you?
- _____ 5. Does he talk to himself when he gets up in the morning?
- _____ 6. Does he seem to play with his voice, making it go very high, and listening?
- _____ 7. Does he chuckle?
- _____ 8. Does he squeal, very high, when he gets excited?
- _____ 9. Does he anticipate the sight of food by vocalization?
- _____ 10. Does he anticipate the food by excited movement?
- _____ 11. Does he respond to his image in the mirror?
- _____ 12. Does he seem to play peek-a-boo?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he listen to your voice?
- _____ 2. Does he listen to the shake of a rattle?
- _____ 3. Does your talking or singing to him quiet him?
- _____ 4. Does he turn his head in the direction of your speaking?

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28 WEEKS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he talk to his toys?
- _____ 2. Does he grunt or growl?
- _____ 3. Does he produce vowel sounds?
- _____ 4. Does he produce consonants?
- _____ 5. Does he produce syllables?
- _____ 6. Does he vocalize "m-m-m" when crying?
- _____ 7. Does he know you?
- _____ 8. Can he discriminate strangers?
- _____ 9. Does he tolerate strangers?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he turn his head to a bell?

40 WEEKS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he say "da da"?
- _____ 2. Does he mean you when he says "mama"?
- _____ 3. Does he imitate sounds?
- _____ 4. If you cough or click your tongue, will he do the same thing?
- _____ 5. Will he wave "bye bye"?
- _____ 7. Does he play pat-a-cake?
- _____ 8. Has he any words?
- _____ 9. Does he use any sounds to mean something, even though it doesn't sound like a real word?
- _____ 10. Does he shake his head yes and no?
- _____ 11. Does he vocalize with the above response?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he seem to understand when you talk to him?
- _____ 2. Does he respond to his name?
- _____ 3. Does he respond to a "no-no"?
- _____ 4. Does he understand if you say, "Where's Daddy?"

12 MONTHS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he say any words besides "mama" and "dada"?
- _____ 2. Does he know some of his toys by name?
- _____ 3. Does he jabber?
- _____ 4. Does he recognize any pictures?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he respond to music?
- _____ 2. Does he respond to primitive rhythm play?
- _____ 3. Does he understand if you tell him to:
 - a. look up
 - b. look down
 - c. look at me
- _____ 4. If you ask him for something in his hand, will he give it to you?
- _____ 5. Would he look if you asked "Where is your ball?"
- _____ 6. Does he seem to know some of his toys?

18 MONTHS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he exhibit a type of jargon speech?
- _____ 2. Does he jabber quite a bit?
- _____ 3. Does he use 4 or 5 words?
- _____ 4. Does he indicate his wants by pointing?
- _____ 5. Does he indicate his wants by pointing and vocalizing?
- _____ 6. Does he name or point to one picture in a book?
- _____ 7. Does he use gestures?
- _____ 8. Has he any words for his toys, like ball, doll, car, etc.?
- _____ 9. Has he any words for food like milk, cookie?
- _____ 10. Has he any words for his clothes, like shoe, hat, socks?
- _____ 11. Does he have ten words?
- _____ 12. Does he pull you or indicate that he wants to show you something?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he throw the ball upon request?
- _____ 2. Does he put it on the floor?
- _____ 3. Does he put it on the table?
- _____ 4. Does he give it to "me"?
- _____ 5. Does he give it to "mother"?

24 MONTHS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Does he name three pictures when a book is shown to him?
- _____ 2. Does he have 25 words in his vocabulary?
- _____ 3. Is he beginning to put two words together -- two words that join two ideas like "daddy go" or "bye car"?
- _____ 4. Does he refer to himself by name: "Johnny fall"?
- _____ 5. Does he refer to himself by use of a pronoun: "I" or "me"?
- _____ 6. Does he ask for food?
- _____ 7. Does he verbalize toilet needs?
- _____ 8. Does his play include domestic mimicry, like putting the doll to bed?
- _____ 9. Is the jargon discarded?
- _____ 10. Does he combine three words?
- _____ 11. Does he throw the ball upon request?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he throw the ball upon request?
- _____ 2. Does he put the ball on the table?
- _____ 3. Does he give it to "me"?
- _____ 4. Does he give it to "Mother"?
- _____ 5. Does he point to the picture when you say "Show me the dog"?

36 MONTHS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Is he beginning to use sentences?
- _____ 2. Does he give his name if you ask him?
- _____ 3. Does he give his last name?
- _____ 4. Does he give his sex if you ask him?
- _____ 5. Does he name five pictures in the picture book?
- _____ 6. Can he give the use of objects?
- _____ 7. Can anyone understand him?
- _____ 8. Does he use plurals?
- _____ 9. Does he know nursery rhymes?
- _____ 10. Does he cooperate in play with other children?
- _____ 11. Does he talk when he plays alone?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he seem to remember directions?
- _____ 2. Can you direct him to do two things like "close the book and give it to me"?
- _____ 3. Will he upon command put the ball
 - a. on the chair
 - b. under the chair
 - c. in front of the chair
 - d. in back of the chair
 - e. beside the chair
- _____ 4. Does he listen to stories?

4 to 5 YEARS

EXPRESSIVE

- _____ 1. Can he count to three?
- _____ 2. Does he tell tales or stories?
- _____ 3. Does his vocabulary reach 1000 words or more?
- _____ 4. Does he use words such as "and", "or", "but"?
- _____ 5. Does he question a great deal?
- _____ 6. Are his responses often silly and his language silly?
- _____ 7. Does he show interest in new words?

RECEPTIVE

- _____ 1. Does he listen to stories and being read to with sustained interest?
- _____ 2. Does he enjoy being read to?