

### Birth to 2 Months

- Does not cry when hungry or uncomfortable
- Does not make cooing sounds
- Difficulty breast or bottle feeding
- Significant loss of breast milk/formula outside of his/her mouth during feeding
- Does not react to loud sounds
- Does not turn head towards noises
- Is not soothed when hearing a familiar voice
- Cry does not vary in pitch, length, or volume to indicate different needs

### 3 to 5 Months

- Does not look at you while eating
- Does not respond to sounds
- Does not laugh or make squealing noises by 5 months
- Difficulty eating (such as listed under “Birth to 2 Months”)
- Cannot sit without support
- Cannot push up on his/her elbows while laying on their stomach
- Cannot roll from back to side

### 5 to 7 months

- Does not babble while playing or in response to toys that make sounds
- Does not eat from a spoon
- Does not respond to sounds
- Does not like early solid foods (baby food, yogurt, infant cereal, pureed fruits & veggies)
- Difficulty swallowing early solids or other feeding issues
- Cannot sit without support
- Cannot roll from back to stomach

### 7 to 9 months

- Does not look when his/her name is called
- Does not babble consonants (Example- “bababa”, “mamama”, “dadada”, etc.)
- Gags or chokes when eating textured foods (Example- grits, mashed potatoes, oatmeal, etc.)
- Is not beginning to say “mama” or “dada”
- Does not makes noises to keep/gain attention
- Cannot close his/her mouth around a spoon
- Is not trying to feed his/herself finger foods
- Cannot get into a crawling position
- Cannot grab & hold a toy
- Is not crawling

### 9 to 12 months

- Does not successfully eat early finger foods
- Cannot babble single consonants (Example- “ba” “da”, “ma”)
- Does not respond when his/her name is called
- Does not babble or try to talk when playing alone
- Does not play any games involving back and forth play (Example- “pat-a-cake” or “peek-a-boo”)
- Is not pulling up to a standing position
- Has not taken first steps with support



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### 12 to 15 months

- Does not change tone of voice when happy, sad, or mad
- Does not follow simple directions (Example- "Bring me your shoes" or "Follow me")
- Does not use 3-5 words
- Does not repeat new words
- Does not speak or point to things to play with or look at
- Does not use/understand the word "no"
- Does not use expressions such as "oh-oh", "no-no", "ta-da", etc.
- Is not walking alone
- Cannot sit upright to catch or roll a ball

### 15 to 18 months

- Does not attempt to sing songs
- Does not use 10-15 words
- Does not speak while pointing to item
- Does not use words to communicate needs
- Continues to demonstrate eating problems (swallowing issues, "picky eater", choking ,etc.)
- Cannot walk up 4-5 stairs without help
- Cannot kick a ball
- Cannot throw a ball
- Cannot hold a marker & scribble

### 18 to 24 months

- Cannot name 2-4 pictures while looking at a book
- Does not put 2-4 words together to form short sentences
- Cannot imitate 2-4 word phrases
- Does not use at least 50-100 words
- Does not point to basic body parts
- Is not primarily self-feeding
- Cannot walk 5 steps backwards

### 24 to 33 months

- Cannot sing phrases of songs
- Does not use three word sentences
- Does not use past tense words (Example- says "He runned" instead of "He ran".)
- Does not express frustration at not being understood
- Does not use 100 words or more
- Does not imitate phrases or experiment with
- Cannot walk up/down 4 stairs without help
- Cannot jump forward two feet
- Cannot string at least 4-5 beads

### 33 to 36 months

- Does not respond to questions
- Does not say the beginning sounds of words correctly
- Does not speak in complete sentences
- Does not participate in storytelling
- Strangers cannot understand at least 60-70% of his/her speech
- Cannot walk on their tiptoes
- Cannot catch a ball
- Cannot copy a circle



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## 3 to 4 years

- Cannot answer who, what, where questions
- Cannot say rhyming words
- Cannot talk about their day using at least 4 sentences
- Cannot name objects pointed to in a book
- Does not play well with other kids
- Cannot copy a cross “+”
- Cannot cut paper using scissors
- Cannot hold a pencil with three fingers
- Cannot sort objects
- Cannot complete age appropriate puzzles

## 4 to 5 years

- Does not follow classroom directions
- Cannot name letters, numbers, and colors
- Cannot carry on a conversation
- Does not know the sounds of letters
- Speech is not understood by strangers
- Cannot front roll
- Cannot cut simple shapes (circle, square, triangle)
- Cannot color in between the lines
- Cannot dress/undress his/her self with buttons and zippers
- Does not take turns with others
- Cannot copy simple shapes

## 5 to 6 years

- Does not put 2-4 sentences together
- Does not point to letters that are named
- Does not ask questions
- Cannot skip 10 ft. in rhythm
- Cannot catch a bounced ball with hands only
- Cannot color in between the lines
- Cannot sit still to complete homework or school task for 10-15 minutes

## 6 to 7 years

- Cannot name letters with their matching sound
- Cannot say /t/, /ng/, /r/, and /l/ sounds
- Cannot read independently and understand stories
- Does not know right from left
- Cannot draw a person with at least 8 body parts (eyes, noses, ears, hair, head, arms, legs, etc.)
- Cannot write their name
- Cannot sit to complete homework or school task for 15-25 minutes



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## 8 to 9 years

- Cannot retell a story
- Cannot answer comprehension questions (Example- Reading a story but cannot answer questions about the characters, main events, or other elements of the story).
- Cannot dress/undress his/her self
- Does not follow classroom rules
- Cannot read independently and understand stories
- Cannot write complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and a period
- Difficulty processing or planning how to solve problems (math equations, puzzles, etc.)
- Cannot follow at least 3 step commands
- Cannot perform 8 push-ups in 20 seconds

## 9+ years

- Does not follow rules at home or in the classroom
- Difficulty concentrating in order to complete a task on time
- Cannot read age appropriate text
- Does not have neat/clear handwriting
- Cannot copy multiple words from a dry erase board
- Cannot write in a straight line on unlined paper
- Difficulty with spelling & vocabulary
- Does not want to be involved in sports or group activities
- Does not work well with others to complete a task
- Does not carry conversation with peers
- Difficulty passing a standardized state test
- Child's teacher has expressed concern with physical, social, or academic work



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