

# Speech-Language Development

## One to Two Years

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- Points to body parts when asked, i.e. nose, eyes, tummy.
- Follows simple commands and understands simple questions.
- Listens to simple stories, songs and rhymes.
- Points to pictures in a book when named.
- Says more words each month.
- Uses some one- or two-word questions, i.e. Where kitty?
- Puts two words together, i.e. more cookie, no juice
- Uses many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words.

### What can I do?

- Talk while doing things and going places, point to familiar objects.
- Use simple but grammatically correct speech that is easy for your child to imitate.
- Take a sound walk around your house or in the child's room. Introduce him/her to the objects that make noise.
- Make bath time "sound playtime" as well.
- Expand on words. For example, if your child says "car," you respond by saying "You're right! A big red car."
- Continue to find time to read to your child every day. Try to find books with large pictures and take time to describe the pictures on each page.
- Have your child point to pictures that you name.

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