

Speech-Language Development

Three to Four Years

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- Hears when you call from another room.
- Hears television or radio at the same loudness level as other family members.
- Understands simple “wh” questions.
- Talks about activities at school or friends’ homes.
- Speaks clearly enough that people outside of the family usually understand his or her speech.
- Uses a lot of sentences that have four or more words.
- Usually talks easily without repeating syllables or words.

What can I do?

- Cut pictures out of magazines and combine them in improbable ways, i.e. put a picture of a dog inside a car as if the dog is driving and have your child explain what is wrong with the picture.
- Sort pictures and items into categories, but increase the challenge by asking your child to point out the item that does not belong in a category.
- Expand vocabulary and the length of your child’s utterances by reading, singing, talking about what you are doing, where you are going and saying rhymes.
- Read books that have a simple plot and talk about the story line with your child.
- Look at family pictures and let your child explain what’s happening.
- Work on comprehension skills by asking your child questions.
- Expand on social communication and storytelling skills by acting out typical scenarios, i.e. cooking food, going to sleep or going to the doctor.

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