

Communication milestones

At 18 months children can usually...



understanding

- understand up to 50 words and some short phrases
- follow simple instructions (e.g., 'throw the ball')
- point to familiar objects when named
- point to some pictures in familiar books.

Get face-to-face with me when we communicate.

speaking

- say 6 to 20 single words – some easier to understand than others, but becoming more consistent
- copy lots of words and noises
- name a few body parts
- use objects in pretend play (e.g., hold toy phone to their ear and say 'hello?').

