

COMMUNICATION CHECKLIST

AGES 0-1

How to use the checklist: Tick the box if the child is displaying that communication skill. General observations and examples of the child's communication skills can be written in the box at the bottom of the page. This checklist is based off 'red flags' for communication development. Please note it is not a standardised assessment and should be used as a guide only. If any of the boxes have not been ticked, please use your knowledge of the child along with this checklist to guide your decision for referral to a speech pathologist.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

By 6 months



Uses eye contact



Smiles



Displays turn taking interaction using eye contact



Interacts using sounds and gestures

By 12 months



Imitating sounds



Copying actions



Anticipates and shares engagement e.g. when playing 'peek-a-boo'

RECEPTIVE COMMUNICATION

By 6 months



Turns head when hears voice



Responds to own name by turning head



Responds to 'no'

By 12 months



Responds to music with body movements



Understands up to 10 words



Understands names of some familiar objects

EXPRESSIVE COMMUNICATION

By 6 months



Cries, grunts and burps that reflect the infants state



Cooing or going sounds



Extreme variation in loudness (squeals)

By 12 months



Babbling (e.g. ma-ma, ba-de-goo)



Gesturing (showing, pointing, reaching, giving)

YOUR OBSERVATIONS

Reference: Pepper, J., & Weitzman, E. (2004). It Takes Two to Talk: A Practical Guide for Parents of Children with Language Delays (4th ed.). Toronto: The Hanen Centre.