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18 MONTH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CHECKLIST

Cognitive Skills

- Uses simple conventional objects in an appropriate manner (e.g. hits pegs with wooden hammer)
- Imitates adult activities
- Plays simple games
- Points to objects in pictures

Semantic Skills

- Says names for common objects, actions and familiar people (10-50 words) (e.g. mommy, doggie, ball, cookie, etc.)
- Asks for names of things
- Shakes head yes/no to some questions
- Points to major body parts when asked
- Uses words more often than gestures to communicate
- Produces animal sounds
- Refers to self by name
- Says "no"

Phonetic (Sound Production) Skills

- Jargons while looking at pictures in a book
- Tries to imitate what you say
- Uses vowel sounds accurately
- Uses at least "m" "p" "n" "th" "t" and "d" in his/her speech
- Duplicates the syllable (e.g. "nana" for banana, "wawa" for water)
- Increases vocalizing as activity level increases

Syntactic (Grammar/Syntax) Skills

- Follows directions for simple actions ("jump down")
- Uses two word combinations such as "more milk", "big boy", "daddy go"
- Tries to "tell" experiences using jargon combined with some real words.

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