

Have this checklist handy when you telephone Flourish Speech Pathology to discuss your child's speech therapy needs.

*Remember: This not a comprehensive list & does not replace assessment by a speech language pathologist. It should be used as a guide only.*

## Listening & Understanding

- Enjoys games like peek-a-book
- Turns and looks in the direction of sounds
- Listens when spoken to
- Recognises words for common things (eg cup, shoe, drink)
- Begins to follow simple requests (eg "come here" "want more?")
- Responds to their own name



## Talking

- Increased babbling using more sounds (eg d, m, n, h, w, t)
- Babbling sounds are made in sequence (eg baba)
- Uses speech or non-crying sounds to get attention
- Uses gesture to communicate (eg waving, holding arms to be picked up)
- Imitates different speech sounds
- Has one or two words (eg mumma, dog, dada) but these may not be clear

### Checklist developed from the following sources:

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