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Communication and Language	Average Age
Social smile	6 weeks
Cooing	3 months
Turns to voice	4 months
Babbles	6-9 months
'Mamma' / 'Dadda' (no meaning)	8-9 months
'Mamma' / 'Dadda' (with meaning)	10-18 months
Understands several words	1 year
Speaks single words	12-15 months
Points to body parts	14-22 months
Able to name one body part	18 months
Combines two words	14-24 months
Speaks six or more words	12-20 months
Able to name five body parts	2 years
Has 50 word vocabulary	2 years
Uses pronouns (me. you. I)	2 years

Developmental milestones (tasks)	Average age
Follows eyes past the midline	6 weeks
Smiles	6 weeks
Bears weight on legs with support	3-7 months
Sits with support	4-6 months
Sits without support	5-8 months
Crawls	6-9 months
Puts everything into mouth	4-8 months
Pulls to standing position	6-10 months
First tooth	6-9 months
Walks holding on	7-13 months
Drinks from cup	10-15 months
Waves goodbye	8-12 months
Climb stairs	14-20 months
Turns pages	2 years
Scribbles	1-2 years
Uses a spoon	14-24 months
Puts on clothing	21-26 months
Buttons up	30-42 months
Jumps on spot	20-30 months
Rides a tricycle	21-36 months
Bowel control	18 months — 4 years
Bladder control (day)	8 months — 4 years
Clear hand preference	2-5 years