

Identify the Signs: Language Disorders in Children



Signs of a Language Disorder

- Does not **smile** or **interact** with others (birth and older)
- Does not **babble** (4–7 months)
- Makes only a few **sounds** or **gestures**, like pointing (7–12 months)
- Does not **understand** what others say (7 months–2 years)
- Says only a few **words** (12–18 months)
- Words are **not easily understood** (18 months–2 years)
- Does not put **words together** to **make sentences** (1.5–3 years)
- Has trouble **playing** and **talking** with other children (2–3 years)
- Has trouble with **early reading** and **writing skills** (2.5–3 years)

What Parents Can Do

- **Listen** and **respond** to your child
- **Talk**, **read**, and **play** with your child
- Talk with your child in the **language you are most comfortable using**
- Know it is good to teach your child to **speak a second language**
- Talk about **what you are doing** and **what your child is doing**
- Use a lot of **different words** with your child
- Use **longer sentences** as your child gets older
- Have your child **play with other children**

The earlier you seek help for a communication disorder, the better. Learn more at <http://IdentifytheSigns.org>.



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