

# Signs of Language Delay in Toddlers

Identifying language delays in toddlers can be tricky, but early intervention is key. Watch for common signs to support your child's communication development.

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# Reliance on Gestures

## Gestures Over Words

At two years old, toddlers should use both gestures and words to communicate.

## Solely Gesturing

If your child relies only on gestures, it may signal a speech delay.

# Limited Vocabulary



## Limited Words

Two-year-olds should say at least 50 words spontaneously.



## Mimicking Words

If they primarily mimic words, it could indicate a delay.

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# Difficulty Following Instructions



## One-Step

Toddlers should follow one-step commands by 18 months.



## Two-Step

By two years, they should understand and follow two-step directions.



## Struggling

Difficulty following simple instructions may be a sign of a language comprehension delay.





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# Identifying Objects

## Point to Body Parts

At two years old, children should point to body parts when asked.

## Recognize Objects

They should also recognize and point to objects in books.

## Name Familiar Objects

They should name familiar objects when prompted.



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# Unclear Speech

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## Unclear Pronunciation

It's normal for toddlers to have unclear pronunciation.

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## Understanding Speech

Parents should understand at least 50% of what their two-year-old says.

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## Mostly Unintelligible

If their speech is mostly unintelligible, it may be a sign of a delay.

# Seeking Help

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## Hearing Assessment

The first step is a hearing assessment to rule out hearing loss.

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## Speech-Language Therapist

Consult a speech-language therapist for an evaluation.

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## Early Intervention

Early intervention makes speech delays easier to overcome.

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# Next Steps

If you're concerned about your child's language development, seek professional guidance. Early intervention is crucial for their communication skills and overall development.

