

Developmental Language Disorder:

Key red flags to look out for

1-2 years

- No babbling or gestures
- Not responding to speech or other sounds
- Makes few attempts to communicate



2-3 years

- Little interaction
- Fewer than 50 words
- Does not respond to speech
- Language appears to have stalled or regressed



3-4 years

- Speaks in two word sentences
- Does not understand simple commands
- Not easily understood by close relatives



4-5 years

- Does not understand speech
- Not understood by strangers
- Close relatives understand less than half of speech



5 years +

- Not understood by strangers
- Can't tell or re-tell a coherent story
- Can't understand what is read to them
- Difficulty following instructions
- Talks a lot but poor conversation skills
- Interprets things literally, often missing the point



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Other useful websites: www.radld.org www.naplic.org.uk

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