



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CHART - FIRST FIVE YEARS

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	SOCIAL	SELF-HELP	GROSS MOTOR	FINE MOTOR	LANGUAGE	
5-0 yrs.	Shows leadership among children.	Goes to the toilet without help.	Swings on swing, pumping by self.	Prints first name (four letters).	When asked, for example, "What is an orange?" answers, "A fruit."	5-0 yrs.
4-6	Follows simple rules in board or card games.	Usually looks both ways before crossing street.	Skips or makes running "broad jumps."	Draws a person that has at least three parts - head, eyes, nose, mouth, etc.	Reads a few letters (five+). Prints a few letters or numbers.	4-6
4-0 yrs.	Protective toward younger children.	Buttons one or more buttons.	Hops around on one foot, without support.	Draws recognizable pictures.	Counts ten or more objects.	4-0 yrs.
3-6	Plays cooperatively with minimum conflict and supervision. Gives directions to other children.	Washes face without help. Toilet trained.	Hops on one foot without support. Rides around on tricycle, using pedals.	Cuts across paper with small scissors. Draws or copies a complete circle.	Follows a series of three simple instructions in order. Talks in long, complex sentences (10 or more words). Answers questions like, "What do you do with your eyes? ears?" Identifies at least four colors by name correctly. Asks questions beginning with "Why? When? How?"	3-6
3-0 yrs.	Plays games like tag, hide and seek. Plays a role in "pretend" games like house or school - mom, dad, teacher.	Dresses self with help. Washes and dries hands.	Walks up and down stairs - one foot per step.	Cuts with small scissors.	Answers questions like, "What do you do with a cracker? a hat?"	3-0 yrs.
2-6	Plays with other children - cars, dolls, building. "Helps" with simple household tasks.	Opens door by turning knob.	Stands on one foot without support. Climbs on play equipment - ladders, slides.	Draws or copies vertical () lines. Scribbles with circular motion.	Speaks clearly - is understandable most of the time. Talks in sentences at least four words long. Has a vocabulary of at least 20 words.	2-6
2-0 yrs.	Usually responds to correction - stops. Shows sympathy to other children, tries to comfort them. Sometimes says "No" when interfered with.	Takes off open coat or shirt without help. Eats with spoon, spilling little. Eats with fork.	Walks up and down stairs alone. Runs well, seldom falls. Kicks a ball forward.	Turns pages of picture books, one at a time. Builds towers of four or more blocks.	Follows two-part instructions. Names a few familiar objects in picture books. Asks for a drink or food, using words or sounds. Uses at least ten words.	2-0 yrs.
18 mos.	Greets people with "Hi" or similar. Gives kisses or hugs.	Feeds self with spoon. Insists on doing things by self such as feeding. Lifts cup to mouth and drinks.	Runs. Walks without help. Stands without support.	Scribbles with crayon. Picks up two small toys in one hand. Stacks two or more blocks.	Talks in single words. Says "Mama" or "Dada" for parent, or similar.	18 mos.
12 mos.	Waves "Bye-bye." Plays social games, "peek-a-boo," "patty-cake."	Picks up a spoon by the handle.	Walks around furniture or crib while holding on. Crawls around on hands and knees.	Picks up small objects - precise thumb and finger grasp.	Understands phrases like "No-no" and "All gone."	12 mos.
9 mos.	Pushes things away he/she doesn't want. Reaches for familiar people.	Feeds self cracker.	Sits alone . . . steady, without support. Rolls over from back to stomach.	Uses two hands to pick up large objects. Transfers toy from one hand to the other.	Makes sounds like da-da, ma-ma, ba-ba. Responds to name - turns and looks. Babbles.	9 mos.
6 mos.	Distinguishes mother from others. Social smile.	Comforts self with thumb or pacifier. Reacts to sight of bottle or breast.	Turns around when lying on stomach. Lifts head and chest when lying on stomach.	Picks up toy with one hand. Looks at and reaches for faces and toys.	Laughs out loud. Makes sounds - ah, eh, ugh. Cries in a special way when hungry.	6 mos.
Birth						Birth