



When to Worry About Speech Delays

Every child develops differently... but early awareness matters. If your child is falling behind on key milestones, a short screening can clarify whether they just need time, or targeted support.

RED FLAGS TO WATCH FOR

- By 12 months – No babbling (“ba-ba,” “ma-ma”).
- By 18 months – Fewer than 10 words.
- By 2 years – Not combining 2 words (“want juice”).
- By 3 years – Hard for family to understand most speech.
- Any age – Regression (losing words they once used).

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Check hearing (a simple ear infection can delay progress).
- Provide rich language exposure—narrate daily life.
- Reach out for a professional speech evaluation.

Early intervention works best; the earlier we start, the faster kids thrive.

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