

BY AGE 4, DOES YOUR CHILD	YES	NO
• Tell a story that is easy to follow, with a beginning, middle and end	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Predict what might happen next in a new story.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Give first and last name, gender, and age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use these sounds correctly: k, f, g and y.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Speak clearly enough to make him/herself understood by people outside the family most of the time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use action words ("go"), pronouns ("I", "you"), locations ("in"), descriptions ("big"), and plurals ("cats").	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Follow 3-part directions like "Get your boots, put them on, and wait at the door".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Learning how to eat properly and how to chew and swallow different foods is part of growing up for all children. Here are some questions that may help you decide whether to be concerned about your child's comfort in feeding and swallowing.



	YES	NO
• Does your child take a really long time to eat? ( <u>more</u> than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does your child have trouble sucking from bottle or breast?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does your child lose a large amount of liquid while drinking from bottle or breast?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does your child completely refuse to put things in their mouth? For example, spoons, certain foods, a toothbrush or teething toys?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does your child frequently gag or choke when eating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When you don't know the words to say, it can make you jump!



Ask your doctor or the public health nurse about these concerns. tykeTALK can help with feeding and swallowing difficulties too. Call us at 663-5317 ext. 2224 to have an SLP assess your child.

*tykeTALK is one of 32 provincially funded preschool speech language initiatives.*



## Communication Checklist for Children from Birth to Age 4


Name:	Date:
Date of Birth:	Completed by:

Go to the section closest to your child's age right now. Do not go to an age your child has not reached yet. For example, for a baby who is 8 months old, use the section for 6 months. If you are concerned that your child is stuttering or if you answered "no" to any of the questions, call tykeTALK at 663-5317 extension 2224 for more information or to have your child assessed by a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

*Remember, all tykeTALK services are provided free of charge.*

BY 3 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD	YES	NO
• Startle at a sudden, strange noise like a loud knock or a car horn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Turn toward you when you speak.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Seem to recognize your voice and quiet down if crying.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Make cooing sounds like "ooh" and "aah".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Smile back at you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BY 6 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD		
• Cry to an angry voice and smile to a pleasant voice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Enjoy games like "peek-a-boo" and tickling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Reach for, hold and put toys in his/her mouth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Make silly sounds with his/her mouth like "raspberries".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Imitate some sounds (like coughing).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

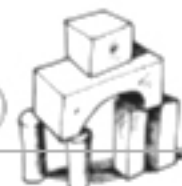


<i>BY 9 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD</i>	YES	NO
• Reach out to be picked up.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Babble like "mamama" or "bababa".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use a singsong voice while playing alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Respond to his/her own name.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Take turns with you making sounds back and forth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Understand "no".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		
<i>BY 12 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD</i>	YES	NO
• Babble more, as though really talking.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Follow simple instructions, like, "Sit down" or "Come here".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Imitate or use sounds you make, like "Wee!" or "Oh-oh".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Imitate or use gestures like waving "bye bye".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Bring you toys to show you and/or play with.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Try to say words like "baba" for "bottle" and "doo" for "juice".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Understand some words with gestures like "Give me" PLUS your extended hand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



<i>BY 18 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD</i>	YES	NO
• Understand more words than she/he can say.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Follow simple instructions given without gestures, like, "Show me the ____" and "Give me the ____".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Point to three body parts (e.g. eyes, nose, and mouth).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use ten or more words ("mama", "ba" for "ball").	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Say "no".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use toys for pretend play (e.g. uses a block as a car)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Make these sounds: p, b, m, n, d, ee, oh, oo.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Answer "What's this?" questions with true words, like, car, dog, or book.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Look at what you are point to or talking about.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>BY 24 MONTHS, DOES YOUR CHILD</i>	YES	NO
• Use at least one two-word combination like "me go" or "more cookie" or "Daddy car".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Point to pictures of familiar people and things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Ask questions like "What that?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Answer yes and no to questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Make animal sounds like "moo" for a cow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use descriptive words like "hungry", "big" and "hot".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Look at your face when talking with you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Choose among common objects when asked, like "Find the comb".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



<i>BY AGE 3, DOES YOUR CHILD</i>	YES	NO
• Follow 2-part directions like "Go to the kitchen and get your hat".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use sentences of three or more words.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Talk about things that happened in the past.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Ask questions like, "Who", "Where", and "Why".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Speak clearly enough for people outside the family to understand about half the time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Use these sounds: p, b, m, n, d, w, y, k, g, ng as in ring, f, h, ee as in feet, oh as in boat, oo as in boot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Answer questions like "Where is Teddy?" and "What is Mommy doing?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Put a toy "in", "on" or "under" when asked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Understand "no".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

