Expressive & Receptive Language

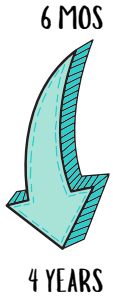
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What is Expressive & Receptive Language?

Expressive language is your child's ability to use words to express themselves. It involves speaking, using gestures, or even using pictures or devices to communicate.

Receptive language is your child's ability to understand words, sentences and meaning. It involves listening, processing and interpreting spoken or written language.

Typical Development



Expressive Language Development

- Begins with cooing and babbling
- Uses gestures
- First words develop into 2-word combinations
- Vocabulary rapidly grows
- Starts using short sentences
- Asks and answers simple questions
- Tells short stories, shares complex ideas

Receptive Language Development

- Recognizes familiar voices and names
- Responds to name
- Understands simple words and phrases
- Follows simple and two-step as they grow
- Understands questions
- Understands more complex language as vocabulary grows

When To Seek Intervention

You may want to consult a Speech-Language Pathologist if your child:

- Has a **small vocabulary** for their age
- Gets **frustrated** trying to communicate
- Is **hard to understand** as they grow
- Is **falling behind** their peers
- Does not **respond to their name**
- Struggles to **follow simple directions** or **understand basic words and questions**
- Seems **confused** or **overwhelmed** by language

How Kidztales Can Help

Our team of experienced clinicians will implement fun activities, stories, games and conversation to help your child to **follow directions, understand questions, use words and sentences and share their thoughts**. Sessions are tailored based on the individual child's needs and language goals.

At Kidztales, we strive to strengthen your child's ability to **connect with others**, **build friendships**, and **succeed** at home, school and in everyday life.

Questions? Reach out to Kidztales with any inquiries or referrals.

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