

## **Oral Language Checklist**

Almost all learning tasks at school involve the use of language. This checklist will help you to understand the kind of language skills your child needs to be ready for school.

## By the time your child starts school they should be displaying the following language skills:

<ul> <li>My child can understand multi-step instructions that have three</li> </ul>
parts (e.g., put your shoes on, grab your bag and meet me in the
car:
<ul> <li>My child can understand words related to time (e.g., before, after,</li> </ul>
later etc): □
$ullet$ My child thinks about about the meaning of words: $\Box$
<ul> <li>My child is beginning to recognize some letters, sounds and</li> </ul>
numbers: $\square$
$ullet$ My child can answer questions about day to day things: $\Box$
$ullet$ My child can answer 'wh' questions about books and real life: $\Box$
<ul> <li>My child is able to create sentences that most people can</li> </ul>
understand: □
$ullet$ My child is able to take turns when having a conversation: $\Box$
<ul> <li>My child is able to tell stories: □</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>My child is able to produce most speech sounds accurately so that</li> </ul>
their articulation is usually error free: 🗆
ur child is having difficulty with any of the above communication

## If your child is having difficulty with any of the above communication skills then there are things you can do to help. Speak to us today to ensure your child is school ready!

In order for your child to have a successful start to school, it is important that there is open communication between all parties involved. If you have concerns about your child's language, communication or development then please make contact with the school so that we can provide the best support possible to ensure a smooth transition.

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