



Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

Learn How Words Work

18 Month Old Checklist

An 18 month old child should demonstrate the following behaviours

Understanding

- USE TOYS FOR PRETEND PLAY
- UNDERSTAND SIMPLE COMMANDS (E.G., "GIVE ME THE BALL")
- POINTS TO PICTURES IN BOOKS (E.G., ANIMALS, TOYS, HOUSEHOLD OBJECTS)
- UNDERSTAND COMMON WORDS AND SOME SHORT PHRASES
- RECOGNISE SIMPLE WORDS SUCH AS "CUP", "SHOE", OR "JUICE"
- SHAKE HEAD FOR "NO" OR NOD HEAD FOR "YES"
- USE GESTURES LIKE CLAPPING, HIGH-FIVES, PEEKABOO

Speaking

- USE TEN TO TWENTY WORDS
- USE THE NAMES OF FAMILIAR OBJECTS (E.G., "DOGGY", "BALL", "BED", "CAR")
- LOTS OF TALKING THAT HAS A MIX OF REAL WORDS AND BABBLE
- DEVELOPING SOME SOCIAL OR FUNCTION WORDS LIKE "HI/BYE" "MORE/HELP"