



Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

Learn How Words Work

12 Month Old Checklist

A 12 month old child should demonstrate the following behaviours

Understanding

- RECOGNISE GREETINGS AND GESTURES (E.G., WAVING AND BLOWING KISSES)
- RESPOND TO THEIR NAME
- POINT, WAVE, SHOW OR GIVE OBJECTS
- UNDERSTAND SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS ("COME HERE", OR "DON'T TOUCH")
- RECOGNISE SIMPLE WORDS SUCH AS "CUP", "SHOE", OR "JUICE"
- POINT TO SIMPLE OBJECTS IN BOOKS (E.G., "WHERE'S THE BALL?")

Speaking

- LOTS OF BABBLE AND 'JARGON'
- SAYS THEIR FIRST REAL WORD
- MAKES ENVIRONMENTAL NOISES LIKE ANIMAL SOUNDS OR CAR NOISES
- "TALKS" A LOT AND THE INTONATION CAN MAKE IT SOUND LIKE A REAL
- CONVERSATION