



Indicators for Speech Therapy:

Is 12 months old and:

- Not using words or gestures to communicate
- Is making minimal eye contact
- Is not eating soft table foods
- Is having difficulty eating a variety of food textures

Is 2 years old and:

- Is not putting 2-word simple sentences together by age 2
- Seems not to hear you or has "selective" hearing

Is 3 years old or older and:

- Adults besides mom and dad have difficulty understanding your child
- Has difficulty learning sounds with letters in preschool and kindergarten
- Has difficulty following directions or problem solving in school
- Has difficulty playing with other children or seems to have no interest in play
- "Stutters" beyond 5 years of age

Also, it is worth getting an evaluation for speech and language if you child has a diagnosed hearing loss, or has a history of ear infections and tubes. Even a temporary hearing loss caused by ear infections and blockage can lead to a speech or language delay.