



SpeechWise

Understanding Speech, Language, and Communication Needs

4-5 Years

Starting reception is a big step in you and your child's life. You might notice that they stop talking as much or they find it hard to tell you what's happened at school. This is typical of children as they adjust to new routines, people and activities.

Talk to your child's teacher about any concerns you have.



What to expect	Signs to watch for	How you can help
• Can understand and answer questions without pictures • Chooses who they wish to play with and play make believe • Take longer turns in conversation • Produce longer and more detailed sentences • Speak more clearly • Talk about things that happened in the past or will happen in the future • Talk about things they imagine	• Do not speak in full sentences • Has difficulty finding the right words to say • Has difficulty having a conversation, and the conversation is difficult for you to understand • Has difficulty saying the right sounds in words, and this makes it difficult for them to be understood	• Give plenty of talk time with your child • Be a good listener and show an interest in what your child is saying and avoid over-correcting them. Focus on what they are saying and provide correct models for them • Repeat what your child says and expand on their sentence • Use play to build language • Help your child join in with others in games and conversation

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