

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
**Communication Milestones**

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<p><b>Intro with music</b></p>	<p>GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.</p>
	<p>IT'S A QUESTION MANY NEW PARENTS WILL ASK THEMSELVES AND WORRY OVER. WHEN WILL MY CHILD START TALKING?</p>
<p><b>Joe Duffy, Ph.D.</b>  <b>Track 1 (14:25)</b></p>	<p>"SENTENCES SHOULD BE AVERAGING ABOUT TWO WORDS AT TWO YEARS OF AGE, THREE WORDS AT AGE THREE AND FOUR WORDS AT AGE FOUR."</p>
	<p>MAYO CLINIC SPEECH PATHOLOGIST DR. JOE DUFFY SAYS IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT THAT WAY, BUT IT'S A GOOD GENERAL RULE. CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK A RECOGNIZABLE WORD BY 15</p>

	<p>MONTHS AND 15 TO 20 WORDS BY 18 MONTHS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THIS IS AN AREA WHERE WE CAN BE PROACTIVE.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Duffy</b> <b>Track 4 (1:18)</b></p>	<p>“STIMULATION IS THE CRUCIAL THING. TALKING TO THEIR CHILDREN FROM DAY ONE IS WHAT REALLY MAKES THE DIFFERENCE. IT’S BEST IF IT OCCURS NATURALLY DURING PLAY, READING, ANYTHING THAT A CHILD MAY WATCH YOU ENGAGE IN.”</p>
	<p>IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE A PROBLEM, IT’S VITAL TO HAVE THEM EVALUATED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>