

# 2 – 4 Years

## Speech and language developmental milestones for children ages 2 to 4 years

### 2 Years

Says ~ 50 words and  
understands ~ 200

Uses 2 word sentences

Names common objects

Gives a toy when asked

Speech is about  
50% intelligible

### 3 Years

Says ~ 300 words and  
understands ~ 900

Uses 3 and 4 word  
phrases

Talks about  
present events

Asks some  
“wh-” questions

Uses pronouns such  
as I, you, me

### 4 Years

Understands about  
1500 words

Uses longer and more  
complex sentences

Can follow directions  
with prepositions

Speech is about  
75% intelligible

Can recount a  
simple story