

9 – 18 Months

Speech and language developmental milestones for children ages 9 to 18 months

9 – 12 months

Waves hi and bye

Combines sounds and gestures to express wants or needs

Pays attention when spoken to by actively listening or looking at speaker

12 – 15 months

Intentionally says first meaningful word

Understands more than they can say

Turns head towards a sound

Imitates sounds and attempts words

Begins responding to simple instructions

15 – 18 months

Has a 10 – 20 word vocabulary

Points to familiar objects when they are named

Uses words/gestures to make requests

Spontaneously uses the words in their vocabulary