

Language Milestones

Psychology

The typical sequence, and how much variation is normal.

Typical ages; wide individual variation is expected.

Stage	Age	Features
Cooing	2–4 months	Vowel sounds
Babbling	6–9 months	Consonant-vowel repetition
First words	10–15 months	Single words with meaning
Vocabulary spurt	18 months	Rapid word learning
Two-word stage	18–24 months	'more milk'
Telegraphic	2–3 years	Content words, no function words
Complex sentences	3–5 years	Clauses, questions, past tense

Over-regularisation — 'goed', 'sheeps' — appears after correct irregular forms, showing a rule has been extracted.