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Date: _____

Typical Language Development Timeline

As you read through the timeline, fill in the blanks with milestones of your own language development!

AGE	TYPICAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
Birth	Crying
6 Months	Responds to voices. Responds to friendly and angry tones.
12 Months	Uses one or more words. Understands simple instruction.
	MY FIRST WORD WAS
18 months	Has a vocabulary of approximately 5-20 words. Repeats a word or phrase over and over. Able to follow simple commands.
	WHEN I KNEW ONLY 5 WORDS, THOSE WORDS WERE PROBABLY THESE:
	
24 Months	Has a vocabulary of approximately 150-300 words Volume and pitch of voice not yet well-controlled.
36 Months	Handles three-word sentences easily. Has a vocabulary of approximately 900-1000 words. Understands most simple questions.

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AGE	TYPICAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
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48 Months	Knows names of familiar animals. Demonstrates understanding of over and under. Often indulges in make-believe <i>ONE OF THE STORIES I MADE UP WHEN I WAS LITTLE WAS</i> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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5 Years	Able to define common objects. Knows age. Uses long sentences.
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6 Years	Speech should be completely intelligible and socially useful. Can tell a story about a picture, seeing relationships between objects and what is happening.
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7 Years	Can tell time to the quarter hour. Can read and write many words. <i>THE FIRST WORD I REMEMBER READING WAS</i> _____
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8 Years	Reading with considerable ease Carry on a conversation.
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9 Years	Relate rather involved account of events. Develop time and number concepts. Develop slang. <i>MY FIRST SLANG WORD WAS</i> _____
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