

DEVELOPMENTAL CHECKLIST – 24 TO 36 MONTHS

CHILD'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT AGE: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____

OBSERVER: _____

A- Always

S- Sometimes

N- Never

MOVEMENT

✓ Climbs well (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Walks down stairs alone, placing both feet on each step (26-28 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Walks up stairs alternating feet with support (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Swings leg to kick ball (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Runs easily (24-26 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Pedals tricycle (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Bends over easily without falling (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Throws ball	A	S	N
✓ Rolls ball	A	S	N
✓ Jumps without falling	A	S	N
✓ Hops on one foot for (____) seconds	A	S	N

HAND AND FINGER SKILLS

✓ Makes vertical strokes with pencil or crayon (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Makes horizontal strokes with pencil or crayon (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Makes circular strokes with pencil or crayon (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Turns book pages one at a time (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Builds a tower of more than 6 blocks (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Holds a pencil in writing position (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Screws and unscrews jar lids, nuts, and bolts (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Turns handles (24-30 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Rolls clay into snake (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Strings beads (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Puts large pegs in pegboard (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N
✓ Tries to cut with safety scissors (30-36 mos.)	A	S	N

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LANGUAGE

- ✓ Recognizes and identifies almost all common objects and pictures (26-32 mos.)
- ✓ Understands most sentences (24-40 mos.)
- ✓ Understands physical relationships (on, in, under) (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Can say name (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Can identify own gender (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Uses pronouns (I, you, me, we, they) (24-30 mos.)
- ✓ Strangers can understand most of words (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Identifies and names family members
- ✓ Names some animal sounds.

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COGNITIVE

- ✓ Makes mechanical toys work (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Matches an object in hand or room to a picture in a book (24-30 mos.)
- ✓ Plays make-believe with dolls, animals, and people (24-36 mos.)
- ✓ Sorts objects by color (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Completes puzzles with 3 or 4 pieces (24-36 mos.)
- ✓ Understands concept of "two" (26-32 mos.)
- ✓ Can say age with words or fingers (30-36 mos.)
- ✓ Begins to recognize colors (red, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, brown, black, pink, gray)
- ✓ Claps and/or responds to music
- ✓ Counts to 5 or more (_____)
- ✓ Points to some body parts (head, eyes, ears, nose, chin, hair, stomach, legs, arm, knees, ankle, feet, fingers, toes, elbow)

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SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- ✓ Separates easily from parents (by 36 mo.)
- ✓ Expresses a wide range of needs and emotions (24-36 mos.)
- ✓ Objects to major changes in routine (24-36 mos.)
- ✓ Has attention span of 5 to 10 minutes
- ✓ Engages in play with one or more children (Play stage: _____)
- ✓ Interacts with adults other than parents

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DEVELOPMENTAL RED FLAGS (24 TO 36 MONTHS)

- Frequent falling and difficulty with stairs
- Persistent drooling or very unclear speech
- Inability to build a tower of more than 4 blocks
- Difficulty manipulating small objects
- Inability to copy a circle by 3 years old
- Inability to communicate in short phrases
- No involvement in pretend play
- Failure to understand simple instructions
- Little interest in other children
- Extreme difficulty separating from primary caregiver

COMMENTS:
