

# 15 Months-18 Months

## Guide to Developmental Milestones



### Social Emotional Development

- Period of self-assertion
- Finds comfort in familiar objects
- Able to give kisses
- Imitates chores
- Symbolic play; may pretend an object is something else (e.g. banana=phone)



### Gross Motor Skills

- Base of support is narrowing when walking
- Walks sideways
- Walks upstairs with one hand held
- May begin walking down stairs with support
- Walks while carrying a large toy
- Pushes/Pulls large toys across the floor
- Stands on one foot with assistance
- Throws a ball overhand 3 feet



### Fine Motor Skills

- Turns multiple pages in a book
- Begins to use more objects conventionally (e.g., may put comb in hair)
- Attempts to put pieces in very simple puzzles



### Self-help

- Brings spoon to mouth
- Holds cup handles with fingers; cup may tip
- Removes socks, hat
- May refuse foods, appetite decreases

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### Sensory

- Enjoys messy activities (e.g. finger painting, water play)
- Expands exploration of many different sensations (i.e. taste, touch, movement, sound, sight, scents)
- Very active in exploring environment



### Speech and Hearing

- Says 15 clear, meaningful words
- Uses consonants such as t, d, n, and h
- Imitates words heard in conversation
- Names 5 familiar objects on request



### Language

- Points to five named body parts or clothing items
- Completes simple requests
- Understands 50 words
- Asks for more
- Asks for help
- Uses words to protest



### Oral Motor and Feeding

- Able to drink from a straw
- Can coordinate eating and talking



All children develop at their own pace, but you can use this guide to help you know what to look for along the way. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your infant's/child's development, please contact **Milestones For Kids' Success** at **630.792.1800** for a FREE developmental screening.

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