

Child's Name:	
Birthdate:	Gender:
Today's Date:	

The MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory Words and Gestures

For girls who say/sign 0 to 69 different words; for boys who say/sign 0 to 49 different words.

Part I Early Words

A. First Signs of Understanding										
Before children begin to speak, they show signs of understanding language by responding to familiar words and phrases. Below are some common examples. Does your child do any of these?										
prifases. Delow are some confinion examples. Does your child do any or triese?	Yes	No								
1. Respond when name is called. (e.g. by turning and looking at source)	0	Ο								
2. Respond to "no no" (by stopping what he/she is doing, at least for a moment).	0	0								
3. React to "there's mommy/daddy" by looking around for them.	0	0								

B. Phrases (28)					
In the list below, please r	mark the phr	ases that your child see	ms to understa	ınd.	
	understands		understands		understands
Are you hungry?	Ο	Don't touch.	Ο	Open your mouth.	Ο
Are you tired/sleepy?	Ο	Get up.	Ο	Sit down.	Ο
Be careful.	0	Give it to mommy.	Ο	Spit it out.	Ο
Be quiet.	0	Give me a hug.	0	Stop it.	Ο
Clap your hands.	Ο	Give me a kiss.	Ο	Time to go night night.	Ο
Change diaper.	Ο	Go get	Ο	Throw the ball.	Ο
Come here/come on.	0	Good girl/boy.	0	This little piggy.	Ο
Daddy's/mommy's home.	0	Hold still.	Ο	Want to go for a ride?	Ο
Do you want more?	0	Let's go bye bye.	0		
Don't do that.	0	Look/look here.	0		

C. Starting to Talk			
	Never	Sometimes	Often
1. Some children like to "parrot" or imitate things that they've just heard (including new words that they are just learning, and/or parts of sentences, for example, repeating "work now" after mother says "Mommy's going to work now.") How often does your child imitate words?	0	0	0
2. Some children like to go around naming or labeling things as though proud of knowing the names and wanting to show this. How often does your child do this?	Ο	Ο	Ο

D. Vocabulary Checklist

The following is a list of typical words in young children's vocabularies. For words your child understands but does not yet say, place a mark in the first column (understands). For words that your child not only understands but also says, place a mark in the second column (says). If your child uses a different pronunciation of a word (for example, "raffe" for "giraffe" or "sketti" for "spaghetti") mark the word anyway. For words that your child not only understands but also signs, place a mark in the third column (signs). Remember, this is a "catalogue" of words that are used by many different children. Don't worry if your child knows only a few right now.

1. Sound Effects	1. Sound Effects and Animal Sounds (12)													
understands		says	signs		understands	says	signs	u	nderstands	says	signs			
baa baa	Ο	Ο	Ο	meow	Ο	Ο	Ο	uh oh	Ο	Ο	Ο			
choo choo	Ο	Ο	0	moo	Ο	Ο	0	vroom	Ο	Ο	Ο			
cockadoodledoo	Ο	Ο	0	ouch	0	0	0	woof woof	0	Ο	Ο			
grr	O	0	0	quack quad	ck O	0	0	yum yum	0	O	Ο			

2. Animal N	lames (Rea	or To	y) (36)								
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
animal	0	Ο	Ο	donkey	Ο	0	Ο	mouse	Ο	Ο	Ο
bear	0	0	Ο	duck	0	Ο	Ο	owl	Ο	Ο	Ο
bee	0	Ο	Ο	elephant	0	Ο	Ο	penguin	Ο	Ο	Ο
bird	0	0	0	fish	0	0	0	pig	O	0	0
bug	0	0	0	frog	0	0	0	pony	O	0	0
bunny	0	0	0	giraffe	0	0	0	puppy	O	0	0
butterfly	0	0	Ο	goose	0	0	Ο	sheep	0	Ο	0
cat	0	0	0	horse	0	0	Ο	squirrel	0	Ο	0
chicken	0	0	0	kitty	0	0	0	teddy bear	0	O	0
cow	0	0	0	lamb	0	Ο	0	tiger	0	0	0
deer	0	0	0	lion	0	Ο	0	turkey	0	0	0
dog	0	0	0	monkey	0	Ο	0	turtle	0	0	0

3. Vehicles	3. Vehicles (Real or Toy) (9)											
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	
airplane	0	0	Ο	car	0	Ο	Ο	stroller	0	0	Ο	
bicycle	Ο	Ο	Ο	firetruck	Ο	Ο	Ο	train	Ο	0	0	
bus	0	Ο	О	motorcycle	0	Ο	Ο	truck	0	0	Ο	
4 Tays (9)												
4. Toys (8)	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	
ball	О	0	0	book	О	0	0	pen	О	0	0	
balloon	0	О	О	bubbles	0	О	О	toy	0	О	О	
block	0	О	О	doll	0	0	О					
	:5 :-1 (20)											
5. Food an	d Drink (30) understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	
apple	O	O	O	chicken	O	O	O	meat	O	O	O	
banana	0	0	0	coffee	0	0	0	milk	0	0	0	
bread	0	0	0	cookie	0	0	0	noodles	0	0	0	
butter	0	0	0	cracker	0	0	0	orange	0	0	0	
cake				drink	0							
	0	0	0		0	0	0	peas	0	0	0	
candy		0		egg				pizza		0		
carrots	0	0	0	fish	0	0	0	raisin	0	0	0	
cereal	0	0	0	food	0	0	0	spaghetti	0	0	0	
cheerios	0	0	0	ice cream	0	0	0	toast	0	0	0	
cheese	0	0	0	juice	0	0	0	water	0	0	0	
6. Clothing	(19)											
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	
beads	О	Ο	0	hat	Ο	0	Ο	shoe	0	0	0	
bib	О	О	О	jacket	0	0	О	shorts	Ο	Ο	Ο	
boots	0	Ο	О	jeans	0	Ο	Ο	sock	0	Ο	О	
button	0	О	Ο	necklace	0	О	Ο	sweater	O	О	Ο	
coat	0	О	О	pajamas	0	О	О	zipper	0	О	О	
diaper	0	О	0	pants	0	0	0					

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7. Body Par	rts (20)										
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	ĺ	understands	says	signs
arm	0	Ο	Ο	finger	0	Ο	О	nose	0	Ο	Ο
belly button	0	Ο	Ο	hair	Ο	Ο	Ο	owie/boo boo	0	Ο	Ο
cheek	0	Ο	Ο	hand	Ο	Ο	Ο	tooth	0	Ο	0
ear	0	Ο	Ο	head	Ο	Ο	Ο	toe	0	Ο	0
eye	0	Ο	Ο	knee	Ο	Ο	Ο	tongue	Ο	Ο	Ο
face	0	Ο	Ο	leg	Ο	Ο	Ο	tummy	0	Ο	0
foot	Ο	Ο	Ο	mouth	Ο	Ο	Ο				

8. Furniture	8. Furniture and Rooms (24)												
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		
bathroom	0	Ο	Ο	drawer	0	Ο	Ο	refrigerator	0	Ο	О		
bathtub	0	Ο	Ο	garage	0	Ο	Ο	rocking chai	r O	Ο	0		
bed	Ο	Ο	Ο	high chair	0	0	Ο	sink	0	Ο	0		
bedroom	0	Ο	Ο	kitchen	0	Ο	Ο	stairs	0	Ο	0		
chair	Ο	Ο	Ο	living room	0	0	Ο	stove	0	Ο	0		
couch	Ο	Ο	О	oven	0	0	О	table	0	0	Ο		
crib	0	Ο	Ο	play pen	0	Ο	Ο	TV	0	Ο	Ο		
door	0	Ο	О	potty	0	Ο	О	window	0	0	0		

9. Small H	ousehold Ite	ms (3	6)								
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
blanket	0	Ο	Ο	glasses	0	Ο	0	plate	Ο	Ο	Ο
bottle	0	Ο	0	hammer	0	Ο	0	purse	Ο	Ο	0
bowl	0	О	0	keys	0	Ο	0	radio	0	Ο	0
box	0	Ο	0	lamp	О	Ο	0	scissors	0	Ο	0
broom	0	О	0	light	Ο	Ο	0	soap	0	Ο	0
brush	0	О	0	medicine	Ο	Ο	0	spoon	0	Ο	0
clock	0	О	0	money	0	Ο	0	telephone	0	Ο	0
comb	0	Ο	0	paper	0	Ο	0	toothbrush	0	Ο	Ο
cup	0	0	0	penny	0	0	О	towel	0	Ο	0
dish	0	Ο	O	picture	О	Ο	О	trash	0	Ο	Ο
fork	О	Ο	0	pillow	Ο	Ο	О	vacuum	0	Ο	0
glass	0	Ο	Ο	plant	0	Ο	Ο	watch	0	Ο	0

10. Outside	Things and	d Plac	es to C	Go (27)							
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
backyard	0	Ο	Ο	park	Ο	Ο	Ο	snow	0	Ο	О
beach	0	Ο	Ο	party	Ο	Ο	Ο	star	0	Ο	Ο
church*	0	Ο	Ο	pool	Ο	Ο	Ο	store	0	Ο	0
flower	0	Ο	Ο	rain	Ο	Ο	Ο	sun	0	Ο	Ο
garden	0	Ο	Ο	rock	Ο	Ο	Ο	swing	0	Ο	Ο
home	0	Ο	Ο	school	Ο	Ο	Ο	tree	0	Ο	Ο
house	0	Ο	Ο	shovel	Ο	Ο	Ο	water	0	Ο	Ο
moon	0	Ο	Ο	sky	0	Ο	Ο	work	0	Ο	0
outside	0	0	Ο	slide	0	0	Ο	Z00	0	Ο	Ο

^{*} or word used in your family

11. People (2	11. People (20)													
	understands says signs		signs	understands		says	signs	understands		says	signs			
aunt	0	Ο	0	daddy*	Ο	Ο	0	child's own name	Ο	Ο	Ο			
baby	0	Ο	Ο	girl	Ο	Ο	Ο	people	Ο	Ο	0			
babysitter	0	Ο	Ο	grandma*	0	Ο	Ο	person	Ο	Ο	0			
babysitter's na	me ()	Ο	Ο	grandpa*	0	Ο	Ο	sister	Ο	Ο	0			
boy	0	Ο	Ο	lady	0	Ο	Ο	teacher	Ο	Ο	0			
brother	0	Ο	Ο	man	0	Ο	Ο	uncle	Ο	Ο	0			
child	0	Ο	О	mommy*	Ο	Ο	Ο							

^{*} or word used in your family

12. Games and Routines (19)											
ı	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs	unde	rstands	says	signs
bath	Ο	Ο	О	lunch	Ο	Ο	0	shh/shush/hush	Ο	Ο	Ο
breakfast	0	Ο	Ο	nap	0	Ο	Ο	thank you	Ο	Ο	Ο
bye or bye by	e O	Ο	Ο	night night	0	Ο	Ο	wait	Ο	Ο	Ο
dinner	0	Ο	О	no	0	Ο	О	wanna/want to	О	0	Ο
don't	0	Ο	О	patty cake	0	Ο	О	yes	Ο	0	Ο
hello	0	Ο	О	peekaboo	О	Ο	О				
hi	0	Ο	0	please	О	Ο	0				

13. Action	Words (55)										
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
bite	Ο	Ο	Ο	help	Ο	Ο	Ο	show	Ο	Ο	Ο
blow	Ο	Ο	Ο	hit	Ο	Ο	Ο	sing	Ο	Ο	Ο
break	0	Ο	Ο	hug	Ο	Ο	Ο	sleep	Ο	Ο	0
bring	0	Ο	Ο	hurry	Ο	Ο	Ο	smile	0	Ο	0
bump	0	Ο	Ο	jump	Ο	Ο	Ο	splash	0	Ο	0
clean	0	Ο	Ο	kick	Ο	Ο	Ο	stop	0	Ο	0
close	0	Ο	Ο	kiss	Ο	Ο	Ο	swim	0	Ο	0
cry	0	Ο	Ο	look	Ο	Ο	Ο	swing	0	Ο	0
dance	Ο	Ο	Ο	love	Ο	Ο	Ο	take	Ο	Ο	0
draw	0	Ο	Ο	open	Ο	Ο	Ο	throw	0	Ο	0
drink	0	Ο	Ο	play	Ο	Ο	Ο	tickle	0	Ο	0
drive	0	Ο	Ο	pull	Ο	Ο	Ο	touch	0	Ο	0
eat	Ο	0	Ο	push	Ο	Ο	Ο	watch	0	Ο	0
fall	Ο	Ο	О	put	Ο	Ο	О	walk	Ο	Ο	0
feed	Ο	0	Ο	read	Ο	Ο	Ο	wash	0	Ο	0
finish	Ο	Ο	О	ride	Ο	Ο	О	wipe	Ο	Ο	0
get	0	Ο	Ο	run	0	Ο	О	write	0	Ο	О
give	0	Ο	Ο	say	0	Ο	0				
go	0	Ο	0	see	0	Ο	0				

14. Words About Time (8)											
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
day	Ο	Ο	Ο	night	0	Ο	Ο	tomorrow	0	Ο	Ο
later	Ο	Ο	Ο	now	Ο	Ο	Ο	tonight	0	Ο	О
morning	0	0	0	today	О	0	0				

15. Descriptive Words (37)											
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
all gone	0	Ο	Ο	empty	0	Ο	Ο	old	0	Ο	Ο
asleep	Ο	Ο	Ο	fast	Ο	Ο	Ο	pretty	О	Ο	Ο
bad	O	Ο	Ο	fine	Ο	Ο	Ο	red	О	Ο	Ο
big	Ο	Ο	Ο	gentle	Ο	Ο	Ο	scared	Ο	Ο	Ο
blue	Ο	Ο	Ο	good	Ο	Ο	Ο	sick	Ο	Ο	Ο
broken	0	Ο	Ο	happy	Ο	Ο	Ο	sleepy	Ο	Ο	Ο
careful	0	Ο	Ο	hard	Ο	Ο	Ο	soft	0	Ο	Ο
clean	0	Ο	Ο	hot	Ο	Ο	Ο	thirsty	Ο	Ο	Ο
cold	0	Ο	Ο	hungry	Ο	Ο	Ο	tired	0	Ο	0
cute	0	Ο	Ο	hurt	Ο	Ο	Ο	wet	Ο	Ο	Ο
dark	0	Ο	Ο	little	Ο	Ο	Ο	yucky	0	Ο	0
dirty	0	Ο	Ο	naughty	Ο	Ο	Ο				
dry	0	Ο	Ο	nice	Ο	Ο	Ο				
16. Pronou	ns (11)										
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
her	О	Ο	0	me	0	Ο	О	this	О	О	Ο
his	0	О	Ο	mine	0	Ο	О	you	О	Ο	О
I	0	О	О	my	0	Ο	Ο	your	0	0	0
it	0	Ο	Ο	that	Ο	Ο	Ο				
17. Questio	n Words (C	`									
17. Questio	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
how	0	0	0	when	0	0	0	who	0	0	0
what	0	О	0	where	О	О	О	why	0	О	0
18. Preposi					understand-		olena		undoratanda	00:	olema
away	understands	says	signs	inside	understands	says	signs	there	understands	says	signs
back	0	0	0	off	0	0	0	under	0	0	0
down	0	О	О	on	0	О	О	up	0	0	О
in	0	\cap	\cap	out	Ω	\cap	\cap				

19. Quanti	fiers (8)										
	understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs		understands	says	signs
all	Ο	Ο	Ο	none	Ο	Ο	Ο	same	Ο	Ο	Ο
another	Ο	Ο	Ο	not	Ο	Ο	Ο	some	0	Ο	Ο
more	0	0	O	other	0	0	0				

Part II Actions and Gestures

A. First Communicative Gestures	::alaaa 1		
When infants are first learning to communicate, they often use gestures to make the item below, mark the line that describes your child's actions right now.	ır wishes i	known. For	each
inem selen, mant are and describes your crime a deciene right new.	Not Yet	Sometimes	Often
Extends arm to show you something he/she is holding.	0	0	Ο
2. Reaches out and gives you a toy or some object that he/she is holding.	Ο	0	Ο
3. Points (with arm and index finger extended) at some interesting object or event.	0	0	0
4. Waves bye-bye on his/her own when someone leaves.	Ο	0	0
5. Extends his/her arm upward to signal a wish to be picked up.	0	0	Ο
6. Shakes head "no".	0	0	0
7. Nods head "yes".	0	0	Ο
8. Gestures "hush" by placing finger to lips.	0	0	0
Requests something by extending arm and opening and closing hand.	0	0	0
10. Blows kisses from a distance.	0	0	0
11. Smacks lips in a "yum yum" gesture to indicate that something tastes good.	0	0	0
12. Shrugs to indicate "all gone" or "where'd it go".	Ο	0	Ο
B. Games and Routines.			
Does your child do any of the following?			
		No	Yes
1. Play peekaboo.		Ο	Ο
2. Play patty cake.		Ο	Ο
3. Play "so big".		0	0
4. Play chasing games.		0	0
5. Sing.		0	0
6. Dance.		0	0

C. Actions with Objects		
Does your child do or try to do any of the following?		
A Fat 10 and a fat	No	Yes
1. Eat with a spoon or fork.	0	0
2. Drink from a cup containing liquid.	<u>O</u>	0
3. Comb or brush own hair.	0	0
4. Brush teeth.	0	0
5. Wipe face or hands with a towel or cloth.	0	0
6. Put on hat.	Ο	0
7. Put on a shoe or sock.	0	0
8. Put on a necklace, bracelet, or watch.	Ο	Ο
9. Lay head on hands and squeeze eyes shut as if sleeping.	Ο	Ο
10. Blow to indicate something is hot.	Ο	Ο
11. Hold plane and make it "fly".	Ο	Ο
12. Put telephone to ear.	Ο	Ο
13. Sniff flowers.	Ο	Ο
14. Push toy car or truck.	0	0
15. Throw a ball.	0	0
16. Pour pretend liquid from one container to another.	Ο	0
17. Stir pretend liquid in a cup or pan with a spoon.	Ο	0
D. Pretending to be a Parent	1 11	
Here are some things that young children sometimes do with stuffed animals or dolls. Please methat you have seen your child do.	ark the ad	ctions
	No	Yes
1. Put to bed.	O	0
2. Cover with blanket.	Ο	Ο
3. Feed with bottle.	Ο	Ο
4. Feed with spoon.	Ο	Ο
5. Brush/comb its hair.	Ο	0
6. Pat or burp it.	Ο	О
7. Push in stroller/buggy.	О	0
8. Rock it.	О	0
9. Kiss or hug it.	Ο	0
10. Try to put a shoe, sock, or hat on it.	О	Ο
11. Wipe its face or hands.	О	О
12. Talk to it.	0	0
13. Try to put a diaper on it.	0	0

E. Imitating Other Adult Actions (Using real or toy implements)		
Does your child do or try to do any of the following?		
	No	Yes
1. Sweep with broom or mop.	0	Ο
2. Put key in door or lock.	Ο	Ο
3. Pound with hammer or mallet.	Ο	Ο
4. Attempt to use saw.	Ο	Ο
5. "Type" at a typewriter or computer keyboard.	Ο	Ο
6. "Read" (opens book, turns page).	Ο	Ο
7. Vacuum.	Ο	Ο
8. Water plants.	Ο	Ο
9. Play musical instrument (e.g., piano, trumpet).	Ο	Ο
10. "Drive" car by turning steering wheel.	Ο	Ο
11. Wash dishes.	Ο	Ο
12. Clean with cloth or duster.	Ο	Ο
13. Write with a pen, pencil, or marker.	Ο	0
14. Dig with a shovel.	Ο	0
15. Put on glasses.	Ο	0