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Language/s spoken at home:	
Date/s completed:	
Completed by:	

Age of development	Attention & Listening	Understanding	Talk and speech sounds	Social communication
0 - 3 months	<ul> <li>turns head towards familiar sound (by 3 months)</li> <li>is startled by loud noises (by 3 months)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ recognises carer's voice</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> <li>□ is calmed by a familiar</li> <li>voice e.g. parent's</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ frequently cries</li> <li>especially when unhappy or uncomfortable</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> <li>□ makes vocal sounds e.g. cooing, gurgling</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ gazes at faces and copies facial movements</li> <li>e.g. sticking out tongue</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> <li>□ makes eye contact with adult for long periods</li> <li>(by 3 months)</li> </ul>
3 - 6 months	watches person's face when they talk (by 6 months)	□ shows excitement at the sound of approaching voices	<ul> <li>makes vocal noises to get attention (by 6 months)</li> <li>makes sounds back when they are talked to</li> <li>babbles to them self</li> </ul>	cries in different ways to express different needs
6 - 12 months	locates the source of a sound, such as a person's voice, with accuracy (by 8 months) focuses on different sounds (e.g. phone, doorbell, clock) maintains attention on activities that they choose for a few minutes (by 12 months)	understands words such as 'all gone', 'no', 'bye-bye'  Stops and looks when they hear their own name (by 12 months)  understands simple instructions when supported with gesture and/or objects (parent holding arms out means 'up', keys mean going in the car)	uses babbling to communicate - 'bababa, 'gogo', 'dadada' (by 8 months)  waves and points to communicate starts to use a few single words e.g. 'mama', 'dada', 'ball'	<ul> <li>enjoys action rhymes and songs</li> <li>tries to copy adults communications (this might include watching and copying mouth movements, gesture, laughing)</li> <li>has conversations by babbling (by 12 months)</li> </ul>

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12 - 15 months	□ maintains attention on activities that they choose for a few minutes (by 12 months) □ engages in music and singing with parent □ is aware of sounds around them and enjoys experimenting with making sounds e.g. banging drums, sound making toys	understands single words such as 'cup' and 'milk' when the object is there understands more words than they can say understands simple instructions e.g. 'stop', 'give to daddy' (this does not mean that the child follows the instructions all the time, but they do understand)	<ul> <li>□ says about 10 single words although these may not be clear</li> <li>□ makes sounds when reaching or pointing to something they want (by 12 months)</li> </ul>	enjoys being with a familiar adult watches adults and/or children for short periods of time
15 - 18 months	□ listens and responds to simple instructions e.g. 'Harry, put your shoes on' (by 18 months)	understands a range of single words and some 2 key word phrases e.g. 'time to go', 'shoes on', 'nappy time' gives adult familiar objects when named e.g. 'car', 'cup', 'book' (by 18 months)	says about 20 single words although these may not be clear and there may continue to be babble  copies words and gestures from adult (by 18 months)  talks to them self during play (this may include babble)  uses tone, pitch and volume to express different emotions and communicate in different situations	<ul> <li>engages in simple pretend play e.g. pretends to drink from a cup, talk on the telephone (by 18 months)</li> <li>enjoys playing alone but likes to be near a familiar adult, or check in with them</li> </ul>

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18 months - 24 months	attends to an activity of their own choice and can play with this on their own for 5-10 minutes (by 2 years)	understands between 200 and 500 words (about four times as many words as they say)  understands simple instructions e.g. 'put your shoes on', 'put the bricks in the box' (this does not mean that the child follows the instructions all the time, but they do understand)	□ uses about 50 words □ begins to put a few words together e.g. 'mummy gone', 'big truck', 'juice daddy' □ asks simple questions e.g. 'what's that?'	pretend play is developing e.g. feeds toys pretend food points at objects or events that interest them and looks at another person in order to share them e.g. when an aeroplane is in the sky, the child points and looks at someone to show them (by 2 years)
2 - 2 ½ years	attends to an activity of their own choice and can play with this on their own for 5-10 minutes (by 2 years)  sometimes listens to people talking when it is interesting when you use the child's name first, it supports them to listen e.g. 'Harry come and look at this' OR the child can sometimes listen to you without you saying their name first	understands phrases and instructions which are part of their everyday routine e.g. 'it's time to brush your teeth', 'we're going to nursery now', 'daddy will be home soon', 'get your shoes please,' (by 2 years)  has a developing understanding of simple concepts e.g. can put something 'in', 'on' and 'under', knows what 'big' and 'little' mean  understands the words for hundreds of different objects, places, people and actions, however they probably don't say all these words	uses hundreds of words to describe and talk about where things are, what they do and when things happen  can link 2-4 words together (by 2½ years)  may stutter or stammer when thinking what to say (referral straight to SLT if stammering)  may have difficulty saying some speech sounds, but their main carer understands what they are saying OR the child doesn't seem to have any difficulties with speech sounds uses the 'p' sound accurately (e.g. 'pop')	shows an interest in other children, even though they may prefer to play alone (by 2 years)  expresses emotions towards adults and peers using words and actions  holds a conversation but jumps from topic to topic OR is able to hold a few communication turns  points at objects or events that interest them and looks at another person in order to share them e.g. when an aeroplane is in the sky, the child points and looks at someone to show them (by 2 years)

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2 ½ - 3 years	attends to one thing at a time - has to switch between doing what they are doing and looking at who is speaking to carry out an instruction or answer a question e.g. when playing with a toy, they could answer an unrelated question about having a snack, but they may need to stop what they are doing first	understands the words for hundreds of different objects, places, people and actions, however they probably don't say all these words (by 2½ years)  understands simple 'who' 'what' and 'where' questions (by 3 years)  understands cause and effect and is starting to understand reasons given (by 3 years)  understands a simple story when supported with pictures	has a large range of words that they use to talk with and they seem to pick up and use new words every day (by 3 years)  can link 3 - 5 words together using simple sentences e.g. 'I got dinosaurs', 'what you doing?', 'my mummy go work today', 'want drink please' may have difficulty saying some speech sounds, but their main carer understands what they are saying OR the child doesn't seem to have any difficulties with speech sounds	talks to them self as they play enjoys communicating with people and does so often (by 3 years) communication is spontaneous and is more than repeating back what others say - talk is for showing, saying no to something, asking, responding to questions
3 - 3 ½ years	□ beginning to be able to switch their own attention from play to listening	<ul> <li>understands questions and instructions with two parts: 'get your jumper and wait by the door' (by 3½ years)</li> <li>understands 'why' questions and can sometimes give an answer</li> </ul>	□ often uses sentences of 4-6 words (by 3½ years) □ uses future and past tense e.g. 'I'm going shopping', 'I walked home' □ may have difficulties with irregular words e.g might say 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam', 'goed' for 'went' OR the child doesn't seem	□ communication is spontaneous and is more than repeating back what others say - talk is for showing, saying no to something, asking, responding to questions □ uses talk as their main way of communicating for a variety of reasons (by 3 ½ years)

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			to have any difficulties with irregular words  Remembers and enjoys telling long stories or singing songs  may have difficulty saying some speech sounds, but their main carer understands what they are saying OR the child doesn't seem to have any difficulties with speech sounds	<ul> <li>engages in pretend play that involves several steps and imaginary characters and objects</li> <li>understands turn taking and sharing with adults and peers (although may still find this difficult to do at times)</li> <li>enjoys playing with peers</li> <li>can use communication and words to disagree or show a different point of view</li> </ul>
3 ½ - 4 years	able to switch their own attention between playing and listening, but still may only do one or the other - listen or play (by 4 years)	understands all that is said to them. If the child is unsure, they will ask for you to explain  is aware of time in relation to past, present and future e.g. Today is sunny, yesterday was raining, I wonder what the weather will be like tomorrow?  no concerns around understanding (by 4 years)	uses language to express ideas and feelings, discuss plans, problem solve and negotiate  says the following sounds accurately in words: p, b, m, d, n, h, t, k, g, w, ng, f, y  speech is generally understood by everyone (by 3 ½ years)  speech is clear with few sound changes (by 4 years)	communication is spontaneous and is more than repeating back what others say - talk is for showing, saying no to something, asking, responding to questions

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4 ½ - 5 years	□ attention is now more	understands long	□ speech sounds closely	□ able to plan construction
	flexible and within the	instructions with up to six	resemble that of an adult	and make believe play
	child's control. Child is	pieces of information e.g.	(by 4 ½ years)	activities e.g. building
	ready to attend and listen	'get a big green crayon		models from Lego,
	in more formal	from the small box and	□ will provide the	imaginative role play with
	environments such as the	give it to Sarah'	definition of a word by its	other children
	classroom (by 5 years)	(by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years)	function e.g. when asked	
			'what is a car?' they	□ uses language to gain
		able to follow a story	might respond 'it's used	information, negotiate,
		without pictures	for driving' (by 5 years)	discuss feelings/ideas and
		(by 5 years)		give opinions
		□ can respond to complex	answers 'when' questions	
		questions such as 'what	(by 5 years)	□ communicates on a
		would we do if there were		number of topics with a
		no houses?' (by 5 years)	□ uses 'a', 'an' and 'the'	variety of people
			accurately in sentences	(by 5 years)
		<ul> <li>understands adjectives</li> </ul>	(by 5 years)	
		such as 'soft', 'hard', 'smooth'  aware of humour and laughs at jokes that are		□ communication is
			<ul> <li>frequently asks the</li> </ul>	spontaneous and is more
			meaning of unfamiliar words	than repeating back what
			and may use them randomly	others say - talk is for
		told	produces no speech	showing, saying no to
			sound errors, although may	something, asking,
			do in difficult consonant	responding to questions
			blends e.g. <b>scr</b> ibble	
			□ <b>u</b> ses possessive pronouns	
			'his' and 'hers'	
			uses comparative	
			language such as 'big',	
			'bigger'	

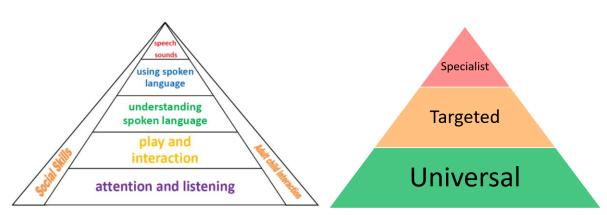
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Dummy use? Hearing check? Plan for support:



(Consider the communication pyramid and the level of support e.g. targeted support for attention and listening using ICAN Toddler Talk cards for Attention and Listening)

Referral to SLT? Yes/No

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