

## Language Development

Milestones for kids who  
are 3 years old:

- speaks clearly
- uses longer phrases and some complete sentences
- answers “wh” questions
- follows more complex directions
- uses plural /s/ endings
- identifies some colors
- points out same and different
- starts to talk about ideas and feelings

### What’s important at this age?

Three year olds are transitioning from being a toddler to being a preschooler. Your child is learning more about the world around him. You may hear SO MANY “why?” questions this year. He is learning; try to be patient and keep giving him answers. His imagination will really start letting loose now. He will be learning to follow most of your directions (choosing to do so may be hit or miss!). He will start to show an interest in letters and numbers. He will still thrive on routine and need lots and lots of play time and books. If you want to give him some screen-time choose the app wisely! Play along with him and talk, talk, talk about what he is doing on the screen.

Your three year old’s counting may not be perfect, he won’t need to know all of his letters; that is perfectly fine for his age! **More important than drilling flash cards will be exposing him to all kinds of hands on play-time.**

### Idea Corner!

Cook together and give your child a healthy dose of adjectives: smooth orange peel, wet sticky honey, heavy milk carton, hot steamy green beans!

*\*this activity increases both language and the likelihood of your child actually eating dinner!*